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NEXT BIG BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT IN GREECE NOW SEEMS PROBABLE

Bulgarians Reported to Have Crossed Frontier in Pursuit of the Allies.

APPROACHING SALONIKI

German Participation in the Pursuit is Believed to be Foreshadowed.

More Fighting on Gallipoli; Gorizia Again Bombarded.

London, Dec. 14. — The next big battle will, in all probability, be fought in Greece, despite the efforts of the Hellenic king and government to save their country from the horrors of war.

The British and French forces have made good their retirement down the Vardar valley, and are now approaching Saloniki, where reinforcements are being landed, while reports received in Paris and Rome say that the Bulgarians have crossed the Greek frontier in pursuit. The reports of such action by the Bulgarians come somewhat as a surprise, as it had been thought that such a move by them would provoke the Greeks, and that, consequently, if the Entente Allies are followed at all, the task would be alloted to the Austrians and Germans.

Situation Complicated.

Greece's situation diplomatically has been complicated by the request of Germany to know whether the Athens cabinet does not look upon the entrance of the Greek territory by the Allies as a breach of her neutrality, and this enquiry is considered to foreshadow German participation in the pursuit. However, it is not believed here that the Germans have many troops in that part of the Balkans, their main forces having been diverted to Rustchuk when the Russian threat of an invasion of Bulgaria seemed likely to fulfillment, and that, therefore, the entente troops for the present only have to fear the Bulgarianh, as the Austrians are still being occupied in Montenegro and in Albania, where the Montenegrins and Serbians are keeping up a stubborn resistance.

It has again been reported that the Italians have landed an army on the Albanian coast to go to the assistance of the Serbs and Montenegrins.

More Fighting on Gallipoli.

There has been more fighting on Gallipoli peninsula. The Turks here claim to have repulsed an attack against their left wing at Seddul Bahr. The Turkish official accounts say nothing new has occurred at Kut El Amara, where the Turks are operating against the British who retired from the Bagdad region. This is taken in military circles here ans a admission on the part of the Turks that their attacks on the British positions on the Tigris river have failed.

The previous rtports of the losses the Turks inflicted on the British when they retired down the river are declared in private information now reaching London to have been exaggerated. For example, the three vessels which they captured turned out to have been a tug boat and two barges.

Still Hammering at Gorizia.

The Italians are still hammering away at the Austrian positions around Gorizia. The town of Gorizia itself has again been bombarded. Austrian officers who have been through many big battles on the eastern front describe the Italian artillery fire as more terrific and continuous than any they have previously experienced.

The appointment of General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien to the supreme command of the forces operating in East Africa means that the British are taking steps in an endeavor to clear the Germans' only colony that remains to them, except a small part of the Kameruns. The Germans are in strong force in East Africa, but General Smith-Dorrien, with the army that is being raised in South Africa, the troops we are already there and those who are going from homes hopes to complete in his new job in short order. The commander, like the men under him, is experienced in African warfare.

EXPECTING ANOTHER DEMAND.

Germans and Bulgarians Expected to Demand Passage in Greek Territory.

London, Dec. 14.—Reuter's Athens correspondent telegraphs that it is expected in Athens that a demand will be made for free passage over Greek territory for the Bulgarian and German forces which are pursuing the Allied troops. It is said unofficially in Athens that the Germans, if they aspire to the enjoyment of the same rights as the Allies in Greek territory, probably will be allowed a free hand, but that if Bulgarians cross the frontier the situation will immediately assume a different aspect, in the view of the Greek government.

The Athens newspaper Neon Asty,

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WANTS TO IMPEACH FEDERAL ATTORNEY

Congressman Buchanan Introduces Articles in the House.

AGAINST H. S. MARSHALL

Sequel to Controversy Over Labor's National Peace Council, From Which Labor Federation Officials Resigned.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Representative Buchanan, of Illinois, took his controversy with United States Attorney Marshall, of New York, over Labor's National Peace Council to the floor of the House today by introducing articles for Mr. Marshall's impeachment. Labor's National Peace Council, of which Representative Buchanan was president until last July, now is under investigation by the Federal grand jury at New York, under the direction of Mr. Marshall, who has declared it was financed with German money.

The grand jury is trying to find whether the council was connected with violations of American neutrality.

Former Representative Fowler, of Illinois, is counsel for the organization. The name of David Lamar as a participant in its activities has been developed in the inquiry.

In his articles of impeachment, Representative Buchanan charged Mr. Marshall with having neglected to prosecute violators of neutrality, having violated the eight-hour law and having publicly defamed and slandered people.

As a matter of course, the charges went to the judiciary committee.

The Customary Course.

It is customary to have preliminary hearings on impeachment charges, but Chairman Webb said that would not be possible before the Christmas holidays. The usual procedure is for the committee to examine the merits of the charges, hear parties on both sides and then decide whether the case shall be dropped or be carried on. If carried on, the House as a whole has to pass an impeachment resolution and the Senate tries the case. No Federal attorney has ever been impeached.

Representative Buchanan has been in Congress two terms and was widely known as a labor leader, connected with the structural iron workers.

When Labor's National Peace Council was organized soon after the outbreak of the war, several labor leaders, some of them connected with the American Federation of Labor, were elected to offices in the new organization. Soon afterward they wrote letters of resignation. Officers of the Federation have repeatedly disclaimed any connection with the council.

WILL INTERVIEW GOMPERS.

Federal Grand Jury Wants to Hear From Some Federation Leaders.

New York, Dec. 14. — The Federal grand jury which has been inquiring

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NORTH CAROLINA NOT TO GET TRAINING CAMP

Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Virtually Decided Upon as Site.

Dr. Walter C. Murphy Held for Action of Grand Jury in Connection With the Death of Young Woman in Washington.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14. — There is little prospect, if any, that North Carolina will get the proposed citizens' training camp, which nearly every city in endeavoring to have established within the State. The camp will go to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and will be opened about April 1, next, according to Colonel E. F. Glenn, chief of staff of the Department of the East.

In a letter to Senator Overman, received today, Colonel Glenn says that after careful examination and on account of the very large expense, it has been practically decided that the camp will go to Fort Oglethorpe. Colonel Glenn is a North Carolinian, and it is presumed he would naturally like to have North Carolina get the camp, conditions and expenses being equal.

Colonel Glenn's letter was in reply to a letter from Senator Overman asking the colonel to give him such information as he could as to certain essentials as to the availability of site, area, drainage, water supply, etc., for the camp of instruction. Mr. Overman inclosed a letter from Mr. Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, who had asked the North Carolina senator to get certain information with reference to the camp.

Dr. Murphy Arrested.

Dr. Walter C. Murphy, who was ar-

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DANIELS FOR MORE INSTEAD OF LARGER VESSELS FOR NAVY

Says Superdreadnaughts of California Class Represent the High Water Mark.

NONE MORE EFFICIENT

Submits Statement Based on Knowledge Gained From the War in Europe.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Superdreadnaughts of the California class, displacing 32,000 tons, are declared to represent the high water mark in the size of American battleships, in a statement presented to Congress by Secretary Daniels today outlining the lessons of the European war as to the best type of ship for war.

"It would be unwise," the statement says, "to build dreadnaughts so large that they could not easily pass through the Panama Canal. It is also believed that in view of the increased efficiency of the torpedo, the very extensive use of mines and the bombs from aircraft, it is decidedly better to increase the fighting units in numbers rather than in size, the high water mark in size having been reached in vessels of the California class."

The statement was submitted in response to a requirement of the last naval appropriation bill that Congress be furnished with a report "on building four warships of the type, power and speed which in his (the Secretary's) judgment, based on knowledge gained from the prevailing war in Europe, are best suited for war on the sea."

Debate Apparently Closed.

In his reply Mr. Daniels apparently bring to a close the debate which has been agitating the Navy Department for many weeks as to the general characteristics of the first battleships to be recommend under the administartion five-year building plan. Tentative plans for a 36,000-ton ship armed with 16-inch or perhaps 17-inch guns have been discussed. Many officers believe the present 14-inch, 50-calibre, weapons of the Pennsylvania and California class ships to be ample, since the ships will carry a dozen each of these as against eight or ten at most larger weapons without radical increase in dispiacement. There are other navy officers and officials, however, who believe the 16-inch rifle completed and tested last year with satisfactory results should go on the new ships, and still others who argued for a 17-inch gun.

In answering the questions propounded by Congress, the Secretary declares for the superdreadnaught as the most efficient weapon, ship for ship, in any navy.

Dreadnaughts Not Enough.

He serves warning, however, that a fleet composed exclusively of dreadnaughts must meet defeat at the hands of a better balanced organization properly equipped with battle cruisers, scouting craft and submarines.

The prime military characteristics to be determined, the statement says, are the offensive power of a ship, as represented by guns, torpedoes, etc., and

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FOOD AND COAL SUPPLY IN GREECE DEFICIENT

Ships in American and British Waters Commandeered.

All Greek Shipping in These Waters to be Loaded With Cargoes Purchased by the Athens Government.

London, Dec. 14.—The Greek government, it was learned here today, has commandeered all Greek shipping in British and American ports in an effort to supply the deficiency in food and coal which exists in Greece as a result of the Entente Allies' restrictions.

The Greek vessels will be loaded with cargoes purchased by the Athens government which does not anticipate the same trouble as is experienced by the regular owners of the ships in getting these necessary commodities to Greece.

OPINIONS DIVERGENT.

Among New York Steamship Men Concerning Effect of Action.

New York, Dec. 14.—Steamship men here expressed divergent opinions today concerning the effect that the commandeering of Greek ships by the Greek government will have upon shipping conditions at American ports. In the main it was held that the action will not tend to lessen the average tonnage as it was believed that the Greek government would seek to move cargoes between this country and Greece with more dispatch than has marked recent shipping. In addition, it was believed in some quarters that more Greek ships would be sent here during the next few months than have been here during the last five or six months.

REPUBLICANS WILL MEET AT CHICAGO NEXT JUNE SEVENTH

National Convention to be Held One Week Ahead of the Democrats.

ONLY ONE BALLOT CAST

National Committee Officially Takes No Cognizance of Candidates.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Chicago was selected by the Republican National Committee tonight as the meeting place of the 1916 Republican National Convention, to be held June 7, one week before the Democratic convention in St. Louis. The vote stood: Chicago 31; San Francisco 13; St. Louis 7; Philadelphia 2.

Earlier in the day the committee had determined upon the convention date, a much discussed problem. Advocates of an early convention argued that now was the time for the Republican party to take the offensive against its political enemies without regard to the ancient custom of allowing the party in power to meet first and announce its candidates and principles.

The fight for the convention proved to be more one-sided than friends of the cities which lost had believed it would be. The fact that the Democrats meet in St. Louis June 14 and that many thousands who will attend have made reservations at the hotels there for several days ahead, undoubtedly had its influence against St. Louis after the committee had decided upon June 7 as the date. San Francisco made a strong showing but the combination between St. Louis, San Francisco and Philadelphia, talked of yesterday, failed to materialize. It would have made no difference, for Chicago had a majority over all.

Arguments Made.

Representative J. Hampton Moore made the principal argument for Philadelphia; Henry R. Rathbone and Mayor Thompson for Chicago; Representative Julius Kahn for San Francisco, and ex-Mayor C. P. Walbridge for St. Louis. After the vote was taken the contest apparently was forgotten and all sides went to work on campaign plans. Every one of the four cities had its check ready and before the ballot was taken Chairman Hilles held paper worth $400,000. All was returned except the $100,000 from Chicago.

The committee officially took no cognizance of candidates, although the lobby of the hotel where the meetings were held was pretty well filled with Republicans who have been mentioned as presidential possibilities and their supporters. About 600 of 985 delegates to the convention are to be chosen at primaries, and by the time most of the elections are held the leaders expect to have a good line on what the different states think of candidates.

The Campaign Issues.

The Republican fight, the gossip went today, will be waged on a few plain principles; defense of American commerce and industry and defense of American lives. One of the points of attack will be that the Democratic party in Congress had not stood for an adequate plan of preparedness until events across the Atlantic forced them to change their position.

One of the last things done by the committee today was the selection of a committee on arrangements which will select a temporary chairman of the convention and name some of its important temporary committees. Chairman Hilles is head of the arrangements committee and the other members are Ralph E. Williams, of Oregon; Franklin Murphy, of New Jersey; E. C. Duncan, of North Carolina; Fred W. Estabrook, of New Hampshire; Fred Stanley, of Kansas; Charles B. Warren, of Michigan; Alvah H. Martin, of Virginia; James B. Goodrich, of Indiana; John T. Adams, of Iowa, and Thos. K. Neidinghaus, of St. Louis.

The committee gave an hour during the afternoon to proponents and opponents of woman suffrage. Applause and laughter greeted all the speakers.

DANIELS' OFFER DECLINED.

Capital Club Votes Not to Sell Building to News and Observer.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—The Capital Club members in special session tonight declined to accept the proposition of Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels to purchase the club building, corner Martin and Salisbury streets, as a home for the News and Observer, which has been burned out twice since Mr. Daniels became Secretary of the Navy. The offer was $45,000. The club has a $20,000 bonded debt, but values its plant at much more than the price offered. A committee was appointed to propose a re-financing of the club for remodeling the first floor for stores and better adapt and refurnish the club quarters.

BULGARS CUT OFF FRENCH FORCES FROM BRITISH?

Berlin, Dec. 14. — (By wireless to Sayville). — Bulgarian troops have broken through the Anglo-French line and cut off the French forces from the British, according to an official statement dated December 12, received here today from Serbia.

It is stated a long section of the French front was taken by storm, the French forces suffering heavy losses. Pursuit of the allied troops continues.

U. S. GOVERNMENT MAKES VIGOROUS PROTEST TO PARIS

Against Removal of Germans and Austrians From American Steamships.

BY FRENCH CRUISER

Couched in Friendly Terms, But States American Point of View Emphatically.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The United States government today cabled Ambassador Sharp at Paris for presentation to the French foreign office a note vigorously protesting against the removal by the French cruiser Des Cartes of six Germans and Austrians from the American steamships Carolina, Coumo and San Juan. Immediate release of the men is asked on the ground that the seizure of citizens of any nation from an American vessel on the high seas is without legal justification and constitutes a flagrant violation of American rights.

The note was dispatched by Secretary Lansing with the full approval of President Wilson. It also is understood to have been discussed by the President with his cabinet at today's meeting.

Couched in friendly terms, the communication states the American point of view emphatically and cites precedents employed in the case of August Piepenbrink, a German, who was removed from the American ship Windben by the French cruiser Conde in November of last year, and released after representations by the United States.

Not Part of Armed Force.

Attention is directed to the fact that the men removed from the ships were not embodied in "the armed forces of the enemy," as that term is used in the Declaration of London. It is asserted, however, that there is no justification for the removal of subjects of a nation which is an enemy of France from American vessel on the high seas bound to a neutral port even if they could be properly regarded as military persons.

To support this position, it is understood that the note points to the rule set down by the French minister of foregin affairs in a note sent during the Civil War to the French minister to the United States in regard to the removal of the Confederate Commissioners Mason and Slidell from the steamship Trent. This note, considered especially applicable to the present situation, said:

The Trent Note.

"She (the Trent) was carrying her cargo and her passengers to a neutral country, and, moreover, she had taken them on in a neutral port. If it were admissable that under such conditions the neutral flag did not completely cover the persons and merchandise which its was transporting, its immunity would no longer be anything but an empty word; at any time the commerce and navigation of third powers would have to suffer from their harmless or even indirect relations with one or the other of the belligerents; the latter would no longer be entitled merely to require entire impartiality of

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WILSON URGED NOT TO RECOGNIZE MONARCHY

Which Yuan Shi Kai is About to Set Up in China.

Appeal Made by Tong King Chong, President of Chinese Republic Association, With 300,000 Members in Americas.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—An appeal to President Wilson not to recognize the Chinese monarchy was mailed to Washington today by Tong King Chong, president of the Chee Kung Tong known as the Chinese Republic Association which is said to have a membership of about 60,000 in the United States and 300,000 in North, Central and South America.

The Chee Kung Tong, according to its president, is seeking to oppose actively the accession of President Yuan Shi Kai to the throne by fostering a movement headed by Shen Chun Shen, former viceroy of Canton, who is named as commander-in-chief of the opposition party. Shen Chun Shen is to be made provisional president of China in the event Yuan Shi Kai ascends the throne and the Chee Kung Tong, if successful. General Hwang Hsing, former minister of war of the Chinese republic, will leave Media, Pa., where he has been recuperating from an illness, for China as soon as possible, it was announced today by Tong King Chong. Tong King Chong received a telegram today from the aged general stating that he believed he would be needed in his country to further the movement opposing the monarchy.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—General Hwang Hsing, a leader of the Chinese revolution and one of the first minis-

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BOMB PLOTS PROBE TOUCHES VON PAPEN

His Name Brought Into Investigation by Government.

PLANS ARE REVEALED

"Up to" Attache of German Embassy Price to be Paid for Destruction of Explosive Plant Was Put, it is Alleged—Developments.

San Francisco, December 14. — The name of Franz Von Papen, re-called German military attache of the German embassy at Washington, was brought into the Government's investigation of alleged bomb plots here today. Federal officials said telegrams in the Government's possession showed that the subject of the price to be paid for the destruction of an explosive plant at Pinole, Call., was "put up" to Von Papen.

Plans for the destruction of munitions plants at Aetna, Ind., and Ishpeming, Mich., were revealed when details of the indictments returned yesterday against Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, Charles C. Crowley, a detective employed by the German consul general here, and Mrs. Margaret Cornel, Crowley's employee, were made public. The three were arraigned today and released on bonds of $10,000 each. The indictments charged conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce and use of the mails to incite arson, murder and assassination. Mrs. Cornell was alleged to have been the go-between of Von Brincken and Crowley.

Specific charges were made that the three alleged plotters conspired by sending a letter from here August 8 to Lewis J. Smith at the Normandie Hotel, Detroit, Mich., in an attempt to incite to arson, murder and assassination by burning certain buildings at Aetna, Ind., owned by the Aetna Chemical Company, and works and buildings at Ishpeming, Mich., owned by the Aetna Explosive Company of New York.

The conspiracy was alleged to have had its inception here May 1, 1915, and numerous dates and incidents and the contents of letters were set forth.

August 12 the defendants were alleged to have put in the mail a letter of a nature to incite Smith to burn buildings of the Hercules Powder Company at Pinole, California. Two fires and an explosion occurred later at the Hercules plant.

There were negotiations concerning the destruction of the Pinole plant, according to Federal officials, who said that letters and telegrams in the possession of the Government showed that Smith fixed a price for the "job" and that the matter was "put up" to Franz Von Papen, re-called military attache of the German embassy at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Investigation of the Congressional Union to find if its employing lobbyists in the cause of woman suffrage was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Byrnes, of South Carolina.

COTTON SPINNING MORE ACTIVE THAN IN YEARS

A Million More Spindles in Operation Than in 1914

Almost 100,000 Bales More Cotton Were Used in November This Year Than in the Same Month of Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Activity in cotton spinning throughout the country was greater during November than in any month for some time. The monthly report of the Census Bureau, issued today, showed 31,497,435 cotton spindles were active during November, a greater number than at any time for several years. There were a million more spindles in operation than during November last year and almost 100,000 more bales of cotton were used than during November a year ago, the quantity in 1915 being 514,534 bales, against 500,635 bales in October this year and 420,706 bales in November last year.

Cotton spinning showed renewed activity in May and has increased each month since then. During the four month period ending November 30 cotton used amounted to 1,977,874 bales, against 1,671,149 during the same period last year.

Cotton on hand November 30 in consuming establishments was 1,613,110 bales against 1,062,102 last year, and in public storage and at compresses, 4,982,472 bales against 4,908,414 a year ago.

Exports during November were 527,625 bales against 674,655 last month and 760,929 in November last year; exports for four months, ending Novem-

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Many Prominent Speakers at Charleston Stress Necessity for Preventing War.

MARBURG SPEECH READ

Cause of "League to Enforce Peace" is Championed by Him and Others.

David Lubin Urges a Credit System for Farmers.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 14.—The question of international peace occupied the sessions today and tonight of the Southern Commercial Congress, in seventh annual convention here. Many prominent speakers stressed the necessity for preventing war, rather than attempting to stop it after strife has broken out.

Prof. Abbott Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard University and chairman of the executive committee of the League to Enforce Peace, told the delegates that his league desires to establish among nations a vigilance committee similar in many ways to those which were the first steps toward legal authority on the frontier in the early days of the Republic.

Arguments to show the advantage of peaceful settlement between nations rather than resort to war also were made by Philip H. Gadsden, of Charleston; Oscar Straus, former ambassador to Turkey; Herbert S. Houston, chairman of the League's committee on information, and John H. Stewart, a member of the League.

"International Anarchy" was the subject of a paper along similar lines, prepared by Theodore Marburg, former United States minister to Belgium, which was read before the Congress. The League to Enforce Peace, organized at Philadelphia last June, with former President Taft as president, had charge of the night session of the congress.

Mr. Stewart in urging international peace declared that he did not "believe it would be possible to make the United States one of the leaders or a member of any league to enforce peace except there be brought about a radical change in political and social conditions in the direction of a national unity and a more spiritual and less material and mouthy patriotism."

Two Important Tasks.

There are "two tremendously important tasks ahead of the United States," he said. "One of them is the establishment of a foreign policy which will be truly and typically American, and the other the unification of our championship in a patriotic inter-relationship which shall make the hyphen an alien and an outcast."

Mr. Houston declared that "when the South struck her colors 50 years ago it was due largely to the grinding, irresistible force of economic pressure," and that today the Entente Allies are exerting that same pressure against Germany.

"I submit," he said, "that a pact powerful enough to end wars will be powerful in many cases to prevent them." The League to Enforce Peace, he said, stood for preventing wars through pressure.

Mr. Straus, who, when Secretary of Commerce and Labor, aided in organizing the Southern Commercial Congress, urged the principles of the peace league, declaring, "We must develop a new conscience which will put no geographical limits upon right and justice."

Wars were declared to be the result of a condition of "international anarchy" in Mr. Marburg's address.

Mr. Marburg's Address.

Wars were declared to be the result of the condition of international anarchy which will not crease until nations organize for justice, in an address read tonight before the Southern Commercial Congress as prepared by Theodore Marburg, former United States minister to Belgium.

Mr. Marburg was on the programme as one of the prominent speakers in support of the "League to Enforce Peace," to which the session was given over. The league was organized at Philadelphia last June with former President Taft as permanent president.

Mr. Marburg explained that the world court which the league proposed to bring into being would be an advance over existing international institutions such as the Permanent Court of Arbitration in two particulars—not only would the signatories obligate themselves to use the court by the league would employ force to use the court and kindred institutions which would be set up.

"The plan contemplates," continued Mr. Marburg, "not a league of some states against others but a union of as many as possible in their common interest. The project is kept simple and free from initial risk in order to induce the nations to enter it so to make a beginning of true international co-operation. It is hoped that the present modest plan, if put into practice will prove to be but the beginning of a thorough organization calculate eventually to put an effective check upon war."

Mr. Marburg said the league proposed to visit swift punishment on any nation which went to war without previously having had a hearing of the dispute. It would not bind the signatories to accept the verdict of the tribunal nor would the league itself enforce the verdict.

"This failure to enforce the verdict," declared Mr. Marburg, "is a source of

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NOTE WEAK IN ONE IMPORTANT POINT

Communication to Austria so Considered in Vienna.

PRESUMES TOO MUSH?

With Reference to Ancona Protest, it is Said American Position as Understood in Berlin Was Not Communicated to Vienna.

Vienna, Dec. 13, via London, Dec. 14. The American note to Austra-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona is regarded here as weak in one important point, which may deprive it in general of its foundation. This concerns the stand taken that the Austro-Hungarian government should be familiar with the American government's attitude regarding the freedom of the seas, because President Wilson had explained this to the German government.

The objection is raised in responsible quarters here that the government has knowledge of the negotiations in the Lusitania case only through the newspapers; that it could give to these reports no diplomatic value, and that it has not concerned itself in any way with the Lusitania case. It is pointed out that the United States can scarcely demand that Austria-Hungary base its policy upon newspaper reports and it is suggested that it would have been better if Washington at the time had communicated the memorandum of its standpoint to all belligerent governments, in which case the present note would seem more justified.

NOTE PUBLISHED IN BERLIN.

Few Papers Commenting Say Submarine Commander Was Justified.

Berlin, Dec. 14, via London—The American note to Austria-Hungary on the Ancona was published in the Berlin morning newspapers. The leading journals refrain from any comment which might be regarded as tending to complicate the situation. Only the Kreuz Zeitung and the Post indulge in any extended discussion of the document. The Kreuz Zeitung says:

"The language of the note is remarkable. The Ancona, through its attempt at flight, had, even in accordance with the stand earlier taken by the United States, forfeited every right to consideration and it was for the commander of the submarine to decide whether to sink the steamer by artillery fire or torpedo. The United States can therefore hold as responsible for the loss of life only the captain of the Ancona, who did not obey the submarine's order, or rather, those upon whose instructions he so acted. The cabinet at Vienna will therefore probably reject the claims of America as directed to the wrong address."

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objection to the league's programme on the part of men whose opinion is entitled to respect. Their criticism is that unless the verdict is enforced many wars will still take place and that if a nation may be called upon to defend its position by force of arms after a hearing has been had, armaments must be maintained. Both of these criticisms the league admits to be valid. It recognizes the desirability of enforcing the verdict."

The main reason for not including this feature in the programme, he said, was that the great powers would be slow to enter a league if they were compelled by its provisions to submit questions of vital interest to a tribunal the verdict of which was binding and enforceable. In the present condition of world opinion, advocates of the league feared that no council of conciliation, however representative and respectable its members, would be trusted to render a binding decision on questions of vital interest. For example, Mr. Marburg wanted to know whether, in light of its past attitude, the United States Senate would be willing to make a treaty under which an international council could give a binding decision in regard to the Monroe Doctrint or the question of whom shall be admitted as immigrants to this country.

"If the verdict were binding and enforceable," Mr. Marburg said further, "we should want to make certain that the action of the league would always be in the direction of justice. And of this result we cannot be certain unless at the very start the league embraced all, or nearly all, of the progressive nations, big and little. Similar leagues of the past, composed of too narrow a circle of powers, have proven not only failures but an actual source of oppression by permitting of the swapping of favors, the triumph of selfish interests, and the despoiling of nations outside the league."

With the demands of the league, limited simply to a hearing, he said, the danger of oppression disappears. Answering the question as to the use of a hearing if the verdict was not to be enforced, Mr. Marburg said an inquiry of the proposed nature not only dissipates misunderstandings but introduces the invaluable element of delay, offering opportunity for passion to subside and lessening the chance of the people being deceived by their rulers and so hurried into war under false impressions.

"The most widespread criticism which the league has to meet," said Mr. Marburg, "is not that it does not go far enough but that it goes too far in contemplating the use of force under any conditions. Does any reasonable man believe that merely for the sake of avoiding compliance with the league's demand that there be a hearing, any nation, however powerful, will be so foolish as to precipitate war with the league? This fact makes the position of the league very strong. It enables it to appeal to the conservative elements in the community as well as to the group who believe in militant righteousness."

Mr. Marburg asked if the time had not come when "this great country should help organize the world for right." Until there was such an organization as the one proposed he said no country could be really free.

"If put properly before this country," Mr. Marburg said in conclusion, "it should rouse the people more than appeal to their sense of ease and safety and comfort. And this is true self interest of the biggest kind because the tranquility of the world and our own peace and prosperity cannot be secured by our standing aloof and selfishly refusing to co-operate with others for the common good."

Speaks for the Farmer.

David Lubin, United States delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, at the afternoon session, spoke for the farmer. He said:

"This country is old and feeble, just to the extent that we allow the land owners to leave the land and the renters to take their places. Who would shoulder a gun and fight for a boarding house?"

He urged that a system be provided by the government whereby individual farmers might get sufficient credit and that steps be taken to teach them a proper marketing system.

Rural credits also were urged by representatives of the House of Southern Governors attending the congress. Governor Manning, of South Carolina, and Governor Stuart, of Virginia, were the only Southern governors participating, but several other governors were represented.

Today it was announced by Dr. Clarence J. Owens, secretary of the House of Southern Governors and managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, that resolutions adopted fully endorse the position taken by President Wilson in his plea before Congress advocating "rural credits and a merchant marine."

Tomorrow will be "National Defense Day" with Secretary of the Navy Daniels scheduled as the chief speaker.

DANIELS FOR MORE INSTEAD OF LARGER VESSELS FOR NAVY

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defensive power, expressed in terms of armor and cruising radius.

"Much of the department's information," continues the statement, "in regard to the details affecting the efficiency of belligerent ships in the form of confidential reports which it would be contrary to the public interests to make public in any way. There are, however, several conclusions which can be laid down.

Most Important Lesson.

"The first and most important lesson is that the British grand fleet, composed not only of dreadnaughts and superdreadnaughts, but also of battle cruisers, light cruisers, destroyers, submarines and auxiliaries, has to date maintained command of the sea. It is further known that despite the efforts of the submarines and other minor craft, the losses of this fleet have not been serious.

"Another notable fact was brought out by the statement of the first lord of the admiralty to parliament in November, 1914, that by the end of 1915 there would have been added to the fleet 15 capital ships, together with a corresponding and adequate number of vessels of other types. All of this indicate conclusively that the command of the sea with its attendant security of the shores of a country exercising that command rests with the power possessing ships which in the aggregate have a preponderance in the prime military characteristics enumerated above.

"Of present and probable types of vessels, the socalled dreadnaughts most nearly approaches the idea aimed at in the clause of the naval appropriation act. It is necessary to qualify this answer, however, for it cannot be said, and it is not believed, that the prevailing war in Europe has demonstrated that a fleet composed of any other single type of vessels of probable dimensions would or could be successful against a properly balanced fleet."

Value of Aircraft Undoubted.

Congress asked also for a report on the naval value of aircraft, and after a long discussion setting forth the need of battle cruisers in the navy, the Secretaary says of aeroplanes, dirigibles and balloons:

"My conclusions are that all these types of aircraft, each in its particular field, have demonstrated their undoubted value of observation and scouting purposes. It is regretted that in this as in other subjects pertaining to the lessons of the prevailing European war, the greater part of the department's information is in the form of confidential reports."

NEXT BIG BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT IN GREECE NOW SEEMS PROBABLE

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attributes the following statement to an official source:

"In any event the Bulgarians and Germans cannot demand the disarmament of the Allied forces. Greece cannot and does not wish to disarm the Allies. German diplomacy, which hitherto has displayed perspicacity and common sense, will not demand of Greece what it is impossible to give."

The retreat of the Allies, the correspondent adds, is being effected as rapidly as the transportation of war materials to the neighborhood of Saloniki permits. Work on the construction of an entrenched camp is being carried out rapidly.

ALLIES SUFFERED LITTLE.

Losses Not Heavy in Week's Operations in Near East, is Claim.

London, Dec. 14.—Reviewing the past week's operations, Reuter's Saloniki correspondent says the fighting did no serious harm to the Allies forces, the Bulgarians having shown no desire to come to close quarters since Monday of last week.

The British casualties on that day, says the correspondent, "totaled less than a thousand, but during the rest of the week a few dozen would sum up the total casualities along the whole Franco-British front.

COTTON SPINNING MORE ACTIVE THAN IN YEARS

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ber 30th, was 1,866,994 bales, against 1,405,049 a year ago.

Imports were 21,169 bales against 13,506 last month and 13,454 in November last year.

Linters used during November, and not included in foregoing figures, were 78,261 bales against 27,282 in 1914; on hand in consuming establishments, 151,697 bales against 78,343 in 1914, and in public storage and at compresses, 116,787 bales against 56,770 in 1914. Linters exported were 14,894 bales against 7,267 in 1914.

EASTERN RAILROADS STRUGGLING IN GRIP OF SEVERE STORM.

Those of New York and New England Demoralized by Snow.

New York, Dec. 14.—Railroads of New York and New England were struggling tonight to release themselves from the grip of the first severe storm of the season. Fallen wires made the task difficult but small armies of linesmen had been at work and it was hoped something like regular schedules could be restored tomorrow.

$23,305,123 WANTED FOR FORTIFICATIONS

Estimates for Coast Defenses Submitted to Committees.

BY WAR DEPARTMENT

Further Light Thrown on the Administration's Defense Plans—Estimates for Panama Canal Add $600,000.

Washington, Dec. 24. — Further light was thrown upon the scope of the administration's defense plans today, when the War Department's estimates for coast defenses during the coming year were submitted to the military committees of Congress in the form of a preliminary draft of the Fortifications Appropriations bill, carrying a total of $23,305,123 for all purposes, including the maintenance and increase of permanent works in the Hawaiian and Philippine islands.

Estimates for the Panama canal, which fall under the canal government, will add another $600,000 to this sum, and in addition the War Department asks authority to make continuing contracts during the year to a total of more than $10,000,000 for mobile and coast artillery and ammunition, the appropriations to be made next year.

The bill last year granted such authority to the extent of $300,000, covering contracts for mobile artillery, field guns, siege guns, mountain guns and howitzers only.

For Engineering Work.

For engineering work to be done on new fortifications, the department asks for $5,369,260, the only specified projects being that at Cape Henry, where it is indicated 18 gun emplacements are to be placed, and where huge 16-inch wire-wound guns eventually are to be installed with the necessary smaller weapons. In another section of the bill is an estimate of $15,000 in gun wire alone, to be used in the first of these gigantic weapons to be manufactured by the government itself for all its major fortifications. Where no details are revealed in the bill, it is shown that definite plans have been laid for all the contemplated 16-inch batteries which it is understood will be added to the defenses of New York and other important harbors. Estimates for $618,000 are presented to complete the work of modernizing the present 12-inch batteries by raising their elevation and increasing their range.

New Guns and Ammunition.

For new guns, either field or seacoast, and for ammunition to be purchased immediately $9,961,000 is asked. Under these provisions come the experiments now in progress to determine how gib guns can be mounted on motor cars or railroad trains and moved along the coasts to points of danger. They also embrace experimental work with new types of field, siege and mountain artillery.

WANTS TO IMPEACH FEDERAL ATTORNEY

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into the activities of Labor's Peace Council, Franz von Rintelen and David Lamar, in relation to strikes at munition plants, will not reconvene it was learned today until Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and other labor leaders, have been interviewed by United States District Attorney Marshall. Mr. Gompers has not been served with a subpoena, and the Federal authorities say that until they obtain a statement from him they cannot name the manufacturing plants where strikes are believed to have been financed by Von Rintelen.

NORTH CAROLINA NOT TO GET TRAINING CAMP

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rested here last night, as he was about to board a train for Burgaw, was held today for the action of the grand jury in connection with the death of Miss Estelle Crawford, who died shortly after she was taken from the offices of the physician. The verdict of the coroner's jury this afternoon was that Miss Crawford's death was caused by a criminal operation performed by Dr. Murphy. Dr. Murphy was remanded to the district jail to await trial. P. R. A.

Brought Whiskey in Trunk.

Report came from the police station last night that Lilly Smith, colored, had just been taken in custody for violating the prohibition law. Policemen B. W. Jacobs and Frank George said they saw her get a trunk she had just brought in from Florence, S. C., whereupon they immediately secured a search and seizure warrant. Upon search, they found seven quarts of whiskey in her trunk.

IS YOUR COMB FULL OF FALLEN HAIR?

What to Do When Hair Comes Out.

Loose hairs in your comb and brush is Nature's way of waving a red flag in your face to tell you that your hair and scalp are losing vitality and that it is time you did something for them.

Don't disregard the warning. A little attention now may mean long, thick, luxuriant hair for you for years to come. A little further neglect and thin, dry, dull, lifeless, brittle hair and finally baldness may result. To vitalize the scalp 'til it tingles with vibrant energy—to make every hair on your head healthy—get a package of Parisian Sage from B. R. Bellamy or any good druggist in town and rub a little right into your scalp with the finger tips.

Parisian Sage acts directly on the entire cell life of the hair—from root to tip—helping healthy growth and stimulating a beautiful glossy texture and glorious luxuriance. Notice how quickly your hair stops coming out on brush and comb—how it is easier to handle and dress and how all signs of itching or dandruff quickly disappear. It is not expensive.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

HOUSE.

Met at noon.

Majority Leader Kitchin introduced a joint resolution agreed upon by the Democratic caucus last night, extending the emergency revenue law to December 31, 1916. Resolution referred to ways and means committee and reported favorably.

Republican and Progressive committee assignments announced by Minority Leader Mann.

Minority Leader Mann introduced a general tariff commission bill.

Representative Buchanan presented impeachment articles against H. Snowden Marshall, United States attorney at New York, and they were referred to the judiciary committee.

Two suffragists were denied permission to address the House on objection of Representative Page, of North Carolina.

Adjourned at 1:40 o'clock until noon Wednesday.

SENATE.

Not in session.

U. S. GOVERNMENT MAKES VIGOROUS PROTEST TO PARIS

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a neutral and to forbid him from interfering in any way in the hostilities but they would place upon his freedom of commerce and navigation restrictions the lawfulness of which modern international law has refused to admit."

The text of the American note, which is said to be brief, probably will be made public when word of its delivery to the French foreign office is received.

French Government May Contest

Officials of the State Department apparently think the French government may see fit to contest the contentions of the United States, and that the men will not be released until further communications have passed between the two governments. This opinion is based on the assumption that the commander of the Des Cartes was acting in accordance with instruction.

The French ambassador here is believed to have been advised of the intentions of the United States during a conference held late yesterday with Secretary Lansing.

WILSON URGED NOT TO RECOGNIZE MONARCHY

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ters of war of the Chinese republic, today cabled the American minister at Peking asking that the representatives of foreign governments give their moral support to the movement opposing the return of his country to a monarchy, "for the peace of the Orient." He requested that a copy of the message be transmitted to all other embassies in the Chinese capital.

"The moment the President of China proclaims himself imperial monarch of the country," said the general, "he will find himself the center of such a revolutionary carnage and riot as the world has never seen. China has not known republicanism as it now has for five thousand years and it will battle to the last if attempts are made to grind it down under the despotic heel of monarchy."

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THEATRICAL

Advance sale of seats for the four performances of the world's wonder, "Cabiria," starts this morning at 9 o'clock. From present indications, all choice seats will be sold out before tonight. This is Wilmington's first real big photoplay event, and the best class of people have been quick to avail themselves of the opportunity to witness the world's greatest motion picture production.

"Cabiria" comes to Wilmington direct from its world-triumphal tours, during which it has played entirely

around the globe at standard admission prices, and is absolutely America's first standard $2 motion picture. This week it returns to New York City for an indefinite engagement, at the Academy of Music, still playing at the standard prices. One lady wrote us Monday that her daughter, who saw it in a large city, had told her to see it if she ever had a chance "even if it cost $2 a seat," so she wanted two of the best seats reserved for her.

"Cabiria" cannot play a return engagement in Wilmington for a long while, as it is booked solid for months ahead, so every Wilmingtonian should avail themselves of this opportunity to see it. Every seat in the house will be reserved, and after they are sold, no more can be handled at either performance. "Cabiria" will play a matinee at 3 o'clock (lasting three hours), Friday and Saturday afternoon, and a night performance at 8 each evening.

At the Victoria Today.

Indications point to overflowing crowds at the Victoria today to witness the return engagement of Mme. Petrova in that soul-stirring spectacle, "The Vampire." Many remarks have been heard during the past few days from those who are anxious to see this supreme photoplay spectacle. The first show will start at 2 P. M., with a show every hour and a half thereafter.

"The Vampire" is the very greatest Metro production of the year. It is a strong intense and powerful photoplay in which the regeneration of a woman, more sinned against than sinning, is vividly portrayed. In which the Vampire in her mad passion for revenge, suddenly faces the call of love. It is a spectacular production, full of thrills throughout, with unexpected climaxes.

Mme. Petrova has a world-wide reputation as "The Stately Queen of Emotion." She has toured all Europe in various big successes, and is a prime favorite in Paris' greatest theatres. She but recently answered the call of pictures for a time long enough for the filming of this masterpiece and it is destined to live as a lasting monument to her great art.

Those who wish to witness the return showing today should, if possible, attend the afternoon performances, when the crowds will not be so large.

Emily Stevens at Royal.

Emily Stevens, whose wonderful emotional powers have won her such notable distinction in stellar roles on the speaking stage, and whose superb work in "Cora" found such high favor with Metro audiences, will again make her bow from the screen at the Royal today in "The Soul of a Woman."

"The Soul of a Woman" is an allegory of unusual power produced from the original document by Anthony P. Kelly, and contains a wealth of striking and artistic photographic effects. It is in five acts, more than 300 scenes and has a superb cast of distinguished players, including in addition to Miss Stevens, George LeGuere, Henry Bergman, Effington Pinto and others equally notable.

"The Soul of a Woman," is an allegorical study of unusual power. The treatment of the theme is novel and daring and many of the photographic effects are distinctly out of the ordinary. Among those is the scene where the Angel of Death descends from the picture of the Madonna and carries off the soul of the woman. It is a thrill such as you are seldom treated to in a photoplay, and should be witnessed by large crowds today.

Multi-Feature Day at Bijou.

Today's is another one of those multi-feature days at the Bijou. There are five big reels of pictures, and every flash of every reel is full of something to interest the large Wednesday crowds.

Of course to head the list comes the 20th great chapter of "The Diamond from the Sky," that great serial drama that is making such a hit. "The Diamond from the Sky" continues to draw larger crowds every week, and this, the 20th chapter is another one of those thrillers like the 5th, 10th and 15th chapters were. If you remember them, you will know what to expect. It has the ordinary serial skimmed "forty ways for Sunday" when it comes to the real punch in every act, and in this chapter there are some of the most daring, unique and unheard of stunts pulled off that you ever heard of.

King Baggot, that great Universal favorite, presents a great three-reel feature, "Man or Money," an appealing story of adventure and self-sacrifice, in which the eminent dramatic star has the able support of Edna Hunter and Harry Spingler. "Man or Money" is full of thrills—in fact, you may know that when we mention King Baggot's name. It is in three full reels and there is not a dull moment in it.

Big Bill at Grand.

Today's bill at the Grand is undoubtedly one of the very biggest of the entire week. There is absolutely not an ordinary picture on the bill, the Moving Picture World speaking in highest terms of all three of the big features to be presented today.

Heading the bill is a great two-reel Selig drama, "The Flashlight," a stirring tale of life in India, written by that great author, James Oliver Curwood. The name of the author in itself is sufficient guarantee of the worth of this feature, but it stars Edward J. Peil, pretty Bessie Eyton and Richard Morris. The romantic qualities of the plot are in Mr. Curwood's best vein, and the heroine is rescued in traditionally thrilling manner. The famous Selig herd of elephants are cleverly utilized, and form an imposing array in many scenes.

Another one of those great Hazards of Helen dramas, "The Rescue of the Brakeman's Children," starring daredevil Helen Gibson, comes next. A new element, a couple of children, are introduced in this one, and they, as well as Miss Gibson, pull off some hair-raising stunts.

Flora Finch, Kate Price and William Shea present one of the greatest Vitagraph comedies of the year, "Between Two Fires," aforesaid fires being started by the God of Love in the hearts of two maiden ladies by a bachelor named Finley Jones.

"Everywoman."

Many plays of many kinds have won success, but it is doubtful whether there has been another produced more subtly significant, more deeply impressive, or more wonderful in its appeal to the senses than the dramatic spectacle, "Everywoman," which Henry W. Savage will disclose at the Academy on next Saturday, matinee and night.

The play is dramatic, symbolic. It is allegory; it is poetry; it is the story as old as the world of living, breathing men and women and it is the story that is as fresh and new as youth and beauty must always be. It is the story of every woman seeking love and finding it only after devious wandering and long suffering, trial and disappointment. Every woman in this play is not called Ruth or Mary or Frances, but Everywoman, and it is by this designation she is known through the five acts. It is an abstract name which may be fitted into concrete form by each beholder, for "Everywoman" is a chapter from the life of every woman.

Everywoman seeks love as the greatest treasure life possesses. She leaves her home in her youth and blossoming beauty and goes out into the by-ways of the world as many another woman has done. She seeks love through Passion, through Wealth, through Society, but finds in each case only a shoddy pretense, an alloy which mocks her first pure purpose, and when her soul is bruised upon the rocks of solid, ugly facts she is led back by Truth, ugly old Truth, whom in her youth she despised and shrunk from, to find Love in peasant garb at last waiting for her at her hearthstone. Every character in the play is symbolic of some abstract virtue or vice or condition with relations to the life of woman. It is declared to be the shrewdest analysis of human nature ever presented upon the stage, and combined with wonderful pictorial embellishments drives home its lesson with telling force. An entire symphony orchestra accompanies the organization which is Mr. Savage's finest.

The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1.50. The night prices will range from 50 cents to $2. Tickets will go on sale tomorrow morning at Plummer's.

Nat C. Goodwin "Never Say Die."

Mr. Nat C. Goodwin, who has been called the greatest comedian in our time, makes his first appearance in some time at the Academy of Music on Wednesday, December 22, for one performance in Wm. H. Post's successful comedy, "Never Say Die."

Wilmington theatre-goers who have followed the destinies of well known favorite actors, which naturally would include Nat. Goodwin, will have their first opportunity to see him. This will be Mr. Goodwin's first appearance in this play here; London, however, has endorsed "Never Say Die", in no uncertain manner, for capacity audiences have been the rule at the Apollo Theatre, where Charles Haytrey has completed a most successful engagment of almost a solid year, and cables us here, "The play's the thing." Prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets will go on sale at Plummer's Monday morning.

A Scene From the Twelve-Act Spectacle, "Cabiria," to be Presented at the Victoria Friday and Saturday, Matinee and Night.

Playing a Return Engagement in "The Vampire," at the Victoria, Today.

New York, Dec. 14.—Reports of political unrest in Brazil, due to alleged dissatisfaction with the administration with the administraton of President Braz, were repeated here today by American passengers arriving on the steamship Acre from Brazilian and West Indian ports.

To use a tired brain is like using tools whose edges are dull.

Sharpen up your wits even if you have to use someone else's grindstone.

DR. J. A. DOSHER RE-ELECTED

Health Officer for Brunswick County. Water for Ft. Caswell—Southport Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 14.—The county board of health, at its December meeting, again elected Dr. J. Arthur Dosher county health officer, with a salary of $500 annually. This is an increase of salary, but the board felt justified in the raise, as Dr. Dosher had been to a considerable personal expense, his campaign of anti-typhoid inoculation last year costing him in time and money more than he was receiving from the county for his visits to the different sections of the county had to be made regularly, in order to work the success of the inoculation.

Saturday night closed the season for menhaden fishing for the upper river factory. The season has been immensely profitable, said to have been the best in five years.

The rainfall here Saturday night was a fine one, the heaviest in two months, which is saying a good deal for this locality, where rains are pretty regular and at times run into inches quite often during the month. Saturday's was 1.13 inches.

The securing of a supply of water by Fort Caswell from the municipal waterworks of Southport, no doubt offers the surest chance for the Fort getting water that will meet requirements, quality and quantity. This has been a problem with the Fort, to get water, always, and many and various have been the attempts to solve this water question. Those who have tried it came away badly hurt financially. Deep wells got water, but not up to demand or test, for while the finest water comes from the Southport deep wells, no depth at Caswell produced a water acceptable. Evaporation seemed to fail. It is hardly an overestimate to say a quarter of a million dollars has been spent at Caswell in the attempt to get water.

The Gen. Geddy is the well known government steamer which makes trips between Fort Caswell and Southport, also makes the twice-a-week trip to Wilmington. This trip is presumed to be strictly governmental, that is, passage was only for those immediately connected with some branch of the United States service. The latitude as to what should constitute this "service" and thereby a free trip to Wilmington, has from time to time been marked on the regulations. For months the person who could pass the regulations had to be some "person." When this is understood, there was surprise a few days ago, so the story goes, when a letter, beautifully written, (pen and ink) and beautiful in its desire to serve government and the transportation companies which are presumed to offer the true service for the public to and from Wilmington to this city, was received by the War Department, and of course, forwarded to the proper authority at the Fort, making protest that the government steamer was carrying those up and down the Cape Fear whose place was rightfully on one of the transportation companies. Did things tighten up? Well, yes, just about as easy now to get a passport to a belligerent country as to board the Geddy on her Wilmington trips.

CAROLINA TRACK SCHEDULE.

Consists of Five Meets, Two of Which Take Place at Chapel Hill.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 14.—The Carolina track schedule has been announced by Manager Hackler. It consists of five meets, two of which will take place in Chapel Hill. Carolina will open her season when she meets Clemson College early in April and will close it when she enters the S. I. A. A. meet which will be held in Richmond about the first of May. The other two colleges that Carolina will meet are Washington and Lee and V. P. I., while the State Meet will take place in Chapel Hill near the end of April.

The track schedule for this season is as follows:

Clemson College at Clemson College, April 8th.

Washington and Lee at Chapel Hill, April 15th.

V. P. I. at Blacksburg, April 22nd.

State Meet at Chapel Hill, April 29th.

S. I. A. A. at Richmond, in May.

FRANCIS JOSEPH'S ARM AND LEGS PARALYZED IS REPORT.

Can Sign No State Papers; Has to Use Stamp, It is Said.

Paris, Dec. 14.—A report that Emperor Francis Joseph's legs were paralyzed last year and that the emperor also has lost the use of his right arm is forwarded by the Matin's Rome correspondent. He says it is understood in Rome that this information was taken to the Vatican by Cardinal von Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne.

According to this report, the emperor is able to sign no state papers and a special stamp has been made for use in this presence by his private secretary.

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"The Rescue of the Brakeman's Children"

KATE PRICE,
With Flora Finch, in a Great Scream,

"Between Two Fires"

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BIG LAND SALE

Auction sale of dwellings, business lots, and 1,200-acre farm Lillington, Thursday, December 16th. This is the property of E. S. Smith, who has moved to Raeford.

The farm, located 2 miles west of Lillington, has been divided into small farms and the sale will start at the old home place at 10 a. m. Nine buildings, a large number of outbuildings in good repair, are located on the farm.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

Once there was a poor little boy who had always prayed to his Heavenly Father for food and clothing. After a while he was adopted by a rich woman who took him to live with her. She was startled to hear him praying one day, "Good-bye, God; I have everything I want to eat and wear and play with in this fine house, and I don't need you any more!" —A. H. RANKIN.

Millions for defense but not a cent for offense.

Who's gonna get up a regiment of rough necks for our next foray?

If we need more people, we ought to let the people know why they are needed.

The Christmas spirit is one of joyousness but some mistake it for a season of hilariousness.

Congress will soon be called upon to decide whether full discussion or overflowing garulity shall be limited.

A man thinks he hates to remember things but it is his conscience that reminds him that he dare not forget.

Those who do not know what monumental igotism is have a fine opportunity at this time to see it at its best.

The leader that isn't followed might's well stop and ask himself if he thinks he is leading or simply gone astray.

One of the things forward looking men are not able to see is the inscrutable or the inevitable, whichever suits them the best.

Please consider this as a cartoon representing Hank Ford laughing in his sleeve at the way he has Barnumized America and Europe.

A high roller soon parts with his roll and then he has only recollections of how it is possible for a high roller to become a cheap skate.

"Order is Heaven's first law— this confesst, Some are, and must be, greater than the rest." There's no order when the egotists stray From the team that's pulling the other way.

The grafters need not be permitted to enjoy national preparedness and they won't have much chance to do it if Secretary Daniels is kept on the job in the Navy Department. We'll bet that every grafter in the country regards the Secretary as an undesirable landlubber.

The traffic cop doesn't have the least bit of trouble with married men. Soon's he shows 'em the chalk line they know it's there to be walked. The veterans are right at home when it comes to drilling along such a thing as any line of least resistance, whether it's chalked off or not.

Medill McCormick, of Chicago, has taken advantage of the opportunity to give out gratuitous advice to the Bull Moose party. The real Bull Moose party stays around Oyster Bay and is having fits because President Wilson has neglected every opportunity he had to get this country into the war in Europe.

The Democratic party consists of optimists, Democrats and several kinds of independents who become intractable when there is team work to be done. The Republican party consists of pessimists, Republicans and Bull Moosers who butt in on party harmony and have to be watched like any other munition factory.

Quoth the Jacksonville Times-Union: "Every man is willing to think for himself and other people too." Even though a man only thinks he thinks, there are plenty of boneheads who think the same way. Wherefore, "birds of a feather flock together," all the same as a mobilization of geese which make the same kind of noise from early morn till dewy eve. P. S. We are glad the calamity howlers got ashamed and quit.

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS IN TOBACCO.

According to the annual report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborne for 1915, North Carolina leads every other state in the Union in the manufacture of plug and smoking tobacco. The Tar Heel State leads with 105,137,525 pounds, with Missouri coming a distance next with 72,186,558 pounds.

The reports of the commissioners used to show that prohibition had no effect on the Government income derived from the manufacture of spirituous and malt liquors. For the first time that we remember, one of the striking features of the report of the Commissioner this year is the large decrease this year in revenue from spirits and fermented liquors. The decrease amounts to $23,000,000 and it is largely attributed to prohibition. The revenue will be short that much and it will have to be made up by some other tax, although the general receipts are the largest in the history of the bureau. The following is a synopsis of the report:

The total receipts of the Bureau for the past fiscal year amounted to $415,681,023.86, the greatest in the history of the Bureau. Of this total there was collected from corporations under acts of August 5, 1909, and October 3, 1913, an aggregate of $39,144,531.71, as compared with $43,127,739.89 collected during the preceding fiscal year, being a decrease of $3,983,208.18. Income tax collections from individuals aggregated $41,046,162.09, as compared with $28,253,534.85 for the preceding fiscal year, being an increase of $12,792,627.24.

The receipts from ordinary sources, including the "emergency revenue" act of October 22, 1914, were $335,479,265, as compared with $308,627,619.22 during the preceding fiscal year, an increase of $26,851,645.78.

The ordinary receipts for the fiscal year 1915, exclusive of this emergency revenue, as compared with those of 1914, show decrease in receipts from the following principal sources: Distilled spirits, $16,924,163.47; fermented liquors, $6,466,245.61; manufactured tobacco, snuff, cigars and cigarettes, $2,515,882.50; Total $25,906,291.58.

The net decrease as shown in this comparison was $25,217,480.51 for the year.

The production of distilled spirits in fiscal year 1913 amounted to 193,606,258 gallons; in 1914, 181,919,542 gallons; in 1915, 140,656,103 gallons.

The tax paid withdrawals of distilled spirits in fiscal year 1913 amounted to 143,220,056 gallons; in 1914, 139,138,501 gallons; in 1915, 124,155,178 gallons.

There is a noticeable decrease in the receipts from distilled spirits and fermented liquors. This, in the main, can probably be attributed to the prohibition laws. Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee and West Virginia are operating under prohibition laws, and Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Iowa, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington have passed prohibition laws which will become effective in the near future, and undoubtedly this has had and will continue to have effect upon internal revenue receipts.

The source of internal taxation producing the largest amounts of revenue during the past fiscal year are distilled spirits, exclusive of special taxes, $136,570,695.59; fermented liquors, exclusive of special taxes, $78,460,380.97; manufactured tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, and snuff and not including special taxes for the sale and manufacture of same, $77,470,757.18; documentary stamps, etc., $20,494,474.75; various special taxes amounting in the aggregate to $14,281,074.42; corporation income tax, $39,144,531.71; and individual income tax, $41,046,162.09.

The states in which the largest collections of internal revenue taxes were made during the fiscal year 1915 are: New York, $76,271,908.24; Illinois, $56,242,546.12; Pennsylvania, $37,611,791.32; Kentucky, $33,653,848.21; Ohio, $27,424,294.20; and Indiana $25,761,193.45. Among the states in which the smallest collections were made are: Arizona, Idaho, Mississippi, New Mexico and Wyoming.

The fiscal year 1915 witnessed a large falling off in production and withdrawal of distilled spirits, considerable decrease in production of fermented liquors, a decrease in manufactured tobacco and snuff, cigars and large cigarettes, and an increase in small cigarettes.

In the fiscal year 1914 the total production of distilled spirits was 181,919,542 gallons; in 1915, 140,656,103 gallons, a decrease of 41,263,439 gallons.

The four states having the largest production of distilled spirits during the past fiscal year are: Illinois, 33,265,472 gallons; Indiana, 19,073,089 gallons; Kentucky, 13,941,412 gallons, and Louisiana, 12,974,076 gallons.

During the fiscal year 1915 there were tax paid for bottling in bond 9,748,979 taxable gallons, as compared with 10,441,588 taxable gallons tax paid during 1914, a decrease of 692,609 taxable gallons.

The five states which produce the largest quantity of fermented liquors are: New York, 13,180,111 barrels; Pennsylvania, 7,166,300 barrels; Illinois 6,269,757 barrels; Wisconsin 4,718,431 barrels, and Ohio, 4,622,581 barrels.

The four states producing the greatest number of cigars weighing more than three pounds per thousand and the production of each during the calendar year 1914 are as follows: Pennsylvania 1,974,238,129; New York, 1,141,172,965; Ohio, 700,398,781; New Jersey, 577,178,569.

The states of New York, North Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey, Louisiana, California and Pennsylvania, in the order named, show the greatest production of cigarettes weighing not more than three pounds per thousand: New York, 7,993,535,105; North Carolina, 2,874,808,840; Virginia, 2,865,300,180; New Jersey, 1,877,079,982; Louisiana, 866,138,465; California, 288,277,871; Pennsylvania, 95,810,826.

New York produced the greatest number of large cigarettes, showing a production of 13,140,330, of which number 9,411,360 were manufactured in the third district and 3,647,870 in the second district.

The states of North Carolina, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, New Jersey and Michigan, in the order named, were the states reporting the largest manufacture of both chewing and smoking tobacco, the quantity manufactured being as follows:

North Carolina, 105,137,525 pounds; Missouri, 72,186,558 pounds; Ohio, 40,579,135 pounds; Kentucky, 36,660,811 pounds; New Jersey, 33,509,899 pounds; Michigan, 28,835,794 pounds.

The districts in which the largest amounts of corporation income tax were collected are: Second, New York, $7,007,336.45; First, Illinois, $2,616,874.05; First, Pennsylvania, $2,261,149.53; 23rd, Pennsylvania, $1,861,937.01; and Third, Massachusetts, $1,853,057.41. The five states showing the largest collections from this source are New York, $10,221,206.65; Pennsylvania, $4,725,139.26; Illinois, $2,983,527.31; Ohio, $2,538,058.60, and Massachusetts, $1,853,057.41.

The districts in which the largest amounts of individual income tax were collected are: Second New York, $8,208,855.09; Third New York, $6,019,997.39; Third Massachusetts, $2,383,084.53; First, Pennsylvania, $2,666,485.57; and First, Illinois, $2,408,039.96. The six states showing the largest collections from this source are New York, $17,417,537.60; Pennsylvania, $4,642,557.08; Massachusetts, $2,683,084.53; Illinois, $2,670,630.34; Michigan, $1,533,829.14, and Ohio, $1,489,401.11.

SUGAR DUTIES YIELD $42,282,113.

The Treasury Department has prepared an estimate showing that the Treasury receipts from duties on sugar amounted to $42,282,113 in revenue for the government at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1915. During the year the importation of sugar was 5,261,351,527 pounds of which amount only 326,885,485 pounds came in free of duty. Duties, therefore, were collected on 4,924,466,032 pounds.

These figures are interesting because of the fact that during the campaign next year every Republican orator will denounce the Democratic tariff act because it put sugar on the free list, although sugar will not come free till the second quarter of the coming year. Then all imported sugar will come in free from dufy and the government will not get its $40,000,000 to $50,000,000 of revenue from sugar. The probability that the consumers will not get any benefit from free sugar either, so the Treasury is the most concerned as to the question, since it will miss a considerable amount of revenue that will have to be made up on something else.

However, there is a possibility that, owing to the present world conditions, the Democratic Congress will amend the tariff act and retain the duty on sugar. Revenue next year is to be a mighty big question and it will be a wise Congress that will have to provide ways and means for getting the money to pay the government's expenses and to provide the Nation with safety for the future.

NEVER FORGOT THE WOMEN

The Tatnall county, Georgia, farm bureau has gone to work on plans for next fall's fair. A committee of fifty has been appointed, consisting of members from every community who are charged with the duty of seeing that their respective communities make exhibits at the fair. This atcion is taken on the eve of the planting season so the farmers can plant with a view to growing crops for exhibition. On that committee of fifty there will be twenty women, for nothing of the kind can be made a success without the co-operation of woman.

We are getting wise enough to recognize the genius, ability and power of women. This recognition is not based upon flattery but upon a broader knowledge of woman's merits. What would the New Hanover county fair have been without both the organizing ability, enthusiastic co-operation and inspiring energy of our intelligent women? One of the marvels about a woman is her resourcefulness, now being drawn upon as an asset in the shape of co-operation in the affairs of men.

WELL, HERE'S TILLMAN.

Staring at us in the newspapers yesterday morning were headlines telling us that Senator Tillman delivered a speech in which he sideswiped Roosevelt, Bryan and former Secretary of the Navy Von L. Meyer. The senator is for national preparedness of the sane kind, and inasmuch as the Colonel and the Nebraskan are in the way of a middle course, the South Carolinian made a few jabs at them so they can understand that he has them sized up in this fight.

Senator Tillman took in the big game first and then fired a shot at a tomtit, or is it a dickey bird that poor Von L. Meyer represents in such company? He handed Meyer something to chew on for getting gay enough to attack Secretary Daniels and thus expose his own right flank to attack. The people would like to know how much navy Uncle Sam got for his money when Yon was Ikey on the job. Owing to Von L. Meyer's perniciousness, the senator could not leave him out while he was alluding to such big men as Roosevelt and Bryan, both of whom are not regarded as "practical men" at this time.

Senator Tillman, as chairman of the naval committee, was speaking in favor of the passage of his bill to establish a government armor plate plant so the government cannot be held up for the armor necessary for the construction of its warships. Former Secretary Von L. Meyer ought to be able to tell him how much the Government could save by owning and operating its own armor plate establishment and shipbuilding plant.

The special report of the committee which has investigated this business shows that the Government could not hurt itself by going into business any more than some American contractors have hurt it by their system of squeezing the Government.

Whether the armor plate bill passes or not, we hope Senator Tillman's health will stay with him, so he can get on the front page occasionally while Congress is in session.

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Red Cross Seals Win Respect for Their Users.

"The feeling that comes over me when I open a letter on which has been placed a Red Cross Christmas Seal, is one of increased admiration and respect for the person who mailed it," said a young woman recently having in charge the mail of one of the State's departments. "It makes me feel," said she, "that he is not only willing to aid the fight against tuberculosis but that he is sympathetic at heart and generous in spirit.

"The letters that come in stamped with Red Cross seals bring other messages than the one pertaining to business. To me they say, 'We are not only living and doing well but are willing to help others live and do well. We feel the Christmas spirit and are big enough to want others to feel it, and in the meantime we want to see the plague of tuberculosis driven out of our land.'

"In other words," said the speaker, "the use of Red Cross seals on a man's letters, to me, takes all the stinginess out of that man's heart. On the other hand, the use of the other kind of seals, those meaningless stickers, exclusive of the Red Cross seals, only marks the user as either selfish or ignorant of the Red Cross seals and the great sentiment they carry out into the world to others."

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

To the Editor of The Star:

I do not wish to appear in the attitude of an expert on preparedness or the conduct of a nation. But, I do think the voice of the people ought to be heard on this great and important question, from the standpoint of common sense. It has been well said that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and can be further added, "the price that is paid for anything worth having." It brings to my mind the good old peaceful Quaker, who was noted for his peaceful conduct, and for his belief that he could not die until his time came. It was when Indians were very plentiful, and at times, hostile. It was noticed that he always carried his gun wherever he went, and some one asked him why he did it, if he could not die until his time came. His answer was: He might meet an Indian whose time had come, and if he was not prepared, to carry out the decree of destiny, his time might be substituted for the Indian's, and he did not want to take that risk, so he kept fully prepared.

The great American Chinaman who has set himself the unpatriotic task of lulling the American nation into a false security, I consider the greatest enemy the Nation has at this time to face. He has been weighed in the balance, and found wanting. When he was Secretary of State, his lectures at so much a night, was of more interest to than the affairs of this great Nation. He did not let any affairs of State interfere with his drawing that lecture fee. What a pity he did not go on the silly Ford expedition! For, if the Allies could have by any means secured him, and he still retains half as much gas as he has poured out upon the American people, they could hitch him to one end of the Dardanelles Strait, explode him, and blow out all obstructions to their safe passage through it. Let his counsels fall upon heedless ears, consign him to the sea of oblivion, where he properly belongs. It will be too late to prepare after we are awakened from a Rip Van Winkle sleep of false security by the thunder of fourteen-inch guns and the shrieking of bursting shells, hurling death and destruction in our midst. We have a good object lesson right here in Wilmington, on un-preparedness. Not a gun to keep this city from being destroyed by any ordinary hostile battleship, with large calibre buns. When Fort Caswell was built, which is thirty miles south of the city, at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, which was a good many years ago, there was not a naval gun in use that course shoot with accuracy, over four or five miles. Now, all first-class dreadnaughts have fourteen and sixteen inch guns, shooting with accuracy, from fifteen to twenty-one miles. It is only ten miles from the ocean to Market dock, which is the western side of the city; that is, the fartherest side from the Beach. How easy it would be for a fleet of battle ships to lay four or five miles from Wrightsville Beach and in a few hours, destroy the city and hurl death among the inhabitant. Fort Caswell is no more protection to Wilmington, except for the purpose of keeping small war ships from coming up the river than if it was a hundred miles away. Nature has placed a fine site at Wrightsville, just north of the station where there used to be a battery or mortars, when the State troops used to camp there, which now belongs to the city. We need a battery of large calibre guns placed there for the defense of the city, as soon as we can get them; and now is the time while Congress is in session, to ask for them. Guns of that class can sweep the sea clear of all hostile ships north of Frying Pan Shoals that may be in striking distance of the city.

I noticed an editorial in the Star on an article written by Mr. H. W. Horton, of North Wilkesboro, on the matter of permanent road building, and he makes the point how useful they would be for retreat from the seashore to the mountains of soldiers, and I suppose other materials of war, and he further says that we could fortify the mountain passes against the pursuit of the enemy. Now, I agree with him upon the point he made of having good roads, but not for the purpose of retreat. I agree with the editor in his comment upon this article, in regard to having coastal highways for the purpose not only to be used by the producers of the country, but also as an auxiliary to the railroad for the quick movement of artillery and troops to the various defenses established along the coast. And I agree that we need roads from the mountains running to the sea shore for the purpose of bringing every man from every mountain peak to meet the enemy at the first trench which is the sea shore. If the time comes when this country is called upon to defend itself from an invasion, we don't want the idea of retreat to enter the minds of our defenders, but we want to fight with the determination to make it a fight to the finish at the first line of trenches. We don't want to contemplate the idea of retreating to the mountain fastness, there to be smoked out by the enemy, as all our manufacturers that furnish our new nations of war would then be in the hands of the invader, as they are all located near the coast. There are some who claim that this country will never be called upon to defend itself from a hostile foe. This great war has given all men of common sense, an object lesson that it will not do to trust the nations of Europe upon their word, expressed upon scraps of paper, and I believe that the safest plan to make sure that we will never have a war of defense, that we should have such a powerful navy and coast defenses so strong that any nation would know that it would be suicide to attack us. Otherwise, without a shadow of doubt, we will at some future time, have occasion to fight for defense.

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Board of Health Recommends That Nurse be Employed.

County Health Officer Will Employ Attorney to Push Water and Sewerage Investigation—Other Matters.

The reading of Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt's monthly report in which he criticised the way the county home of New Hanover is being managed was the chief matter before the Board of Health at its meeting last night. Chairman W. A. McGirt, of the Board of Health and also of the Board of Commissioners, took exception to this part of the report, declaring that he did not believe it should have been made so severe and that if the conditions complained of did exist he felt he should have had them called to his attention before the present time.

Dr. Nesbitt also called attention in his report to the water and sewerage investigation which was started some time ago and stated that under advices from several members of the Board of Health, he had engaged an attorney to represent him in the proceedings inasmuch as counsel had been employed by Messrs. Merritt and Branch against whom his complaints had been made.

Chairman McGirt declared that the information he had received as to the management of the county home did not justify such severe condemnation as Dr. Nesbitt had made and he doubted if such a wholesale criticism should be made.

Mayor Moore interrupted him at this point to state he felt that the report of the health officer should be published just as it had been read to the board. Dr. Nesbitt had directed severe criticism at the water and sewerage department, he stated, and he as chief executive of the city had not objected to its publication and he did not think that the chairman of the Board of Commissioners should object if institutions under his jurisdiction were criticised to have it made public. He felt that he was loyal to those under his care as Mr. McGirt.

Chairman McGirt declared he was not objecting to the publication of the report but that he was taking issue with the county health officer as to the correctness and justness of the criticism.

After considerable discussion in which practically every member of the board took part, Dr. Bolles moved that the report be published, which was seconded by Mayor Moore and adopted unanimously.

Dr. Bolles moved also that the Board of Health recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that a competent nurse be employed at the county home. This was adopted unanimously.

Mr. George F. Catlett, director of the laboratory, wanted to know what the board thought of allowing the physicians of the city to make certain tests in the laboratory with a view to determining the nature of certain germs, a charge to be made for the service. The members of the board expressed themselves as being opposed to having any charge made whatever for any service rendered by the laboratory but saw no objection to allowing a physician the use of some of the apparatus provided there was no additional cost to the county, when the service is desired for a patient.

Upon motion of Dr. Bolles, seconded by Dr. Cranmer, it was ordered that hereafter not more than 10,000 units of diphtheria antitoxin be allowed for any one case, as this is considered amply sufficient, and that wherever antitoxin is desired for immunizing purposes that the Board of Health furnish it.

Will Employ Attorney.

Dr. Nesbitt submitted his monthly report calling attention to several things which he considered should be remedied. The report follows:

"I beg to state that following the report made your body last month, in which I stated that there was serious lack of co-operation between the water and sewerage department of the city and the health department, I was addressed by Councilman Jones, in charge of the water and sewerage department, who asked that I appear at a public meeting to be held in the Mayor's office on the following Monday, November 15th, at 8:30 P. M., and there to present my reasons for this statement. Notwithstanding the short notice given I prepared a statement, describing the inefficiency and carelessness so apparent in the administration of the water and sewerage department and a small part of the evidence supplied by our records and appeared with this before the meeting. Superintendents Merritt and Branch were represented by Attorneys Bryan and Grant, who objected to making the statement public until such a time as their answers could be prepared. This I assented to, as I desired to give these gentlemen every opportunity to justify their abuse of public office.

"Inasmuch as counsel was employed by them and it is apparent that the hearing will involve legal questions which may result in prosecutions, under advices from several members of the board I have engaged an attorney to represent the board and to bring prosecutions should the hearing develop basis for such actions.

"We are still waiting the convenience of the superintendents of the water and sewerage department and I would most respectfully suggest to the board that as these officials are unreasonably delaying the action and numerous citizens are making inquiries as to the reasons for the delay, that the complaint presented be given to the papers for publication at an early date.

"I am informed and have observed that many of the matters complained of are now receiving very active attention by the officials who have provided the previous destructive neglect.

"I beg to call the attention of the board to the great saving that has been made in the matter of the chemical treatment of the city water supply through the experiments and work of Mr. Catlett. This represents more than $8,000 a year of actual cash saving to the citizens of Wilmington and if the same kind of study and interest were applied to the other phases of the work of the water and sewerage department a greater sum could be saved.

"I am glad to report that the medical inspection of the school children is proceeding satisfactorily. A few of the principals and teachers still resent having their attendance disturbed. Children are now being excluded be-

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MEDICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

Physicians of Third District to Hold Semi-Annual Meeting at Walker Memorial Hospital Today.

There will be quite a number of out-of-town physicians in Wilmington today to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Third District Medical Society which will be held at the James Walker Memorial Hospital this afternoon. The meeting will be featured by the reading of a number of clinical papers and by an address by the president, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Richlands. Dr. Herbert F. Munt, of Boardman, who is secretary of the society, has prepared an interesting programme.

The officers of the society are as follows: President, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Richlands; first vice president, Dr. H. B. Maxwell, Whiteville; second vice president, Dr. C. P. Bolles, Wilmington; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Herbert F. Munt, Boardman.

Among the prominent visiting physicians who will attend will be Dr. E. H. Terrell, specialist, of Richmond, Va., and Dr. Douglass Vanderhoff, professor of medicine in the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond.

The following clinical papers will be read at the meeting:

"Surgical Aspects of Aneurism," by Dr. J. D. Robinson, Wilmington.

"Surgery of Aneurism," by Dr. Thos. M. Green, Wilmington.

"The Treatment of Internal Hemorrhoids by an Improved Method," by Dr. E. H. Terrell, specialist on rectal disease, Richmond, Va.

"Aneurism and Report of Clinical Cases," by Dr. Edward J. Wood, Wilmington.

"The Relation of Syphilis to Aneurism," by Dr. J. D. Sidbury, Wilmington.

"The Interpretation of the Symptoms of Indigestion," by Dr. Douglas Vanderhoff, professor of medicine in the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond.

"Stab Wound of Chest Involving the Stomach," by Dr. L. D. Bryan, Sneed's Ferry.

"The Desirability and Feasibility of the Maintenance of a Small Laboratory by the General Practitioner," by Dr. James M. Northington, Boardman.

Report of Clinical Cases.

MONSTER LOCOMOTIVE HERE YESTERDAY FOR INSPECTION.

A. C. L. Engine Weighs 113 Tons and Has Modern Appliances.

Engineer W. C. Divine yesterday brought probably the heaviest and greatest locomotive ever in Wilmington. It weighs 113 tons, carries 8,000 gallons of water, 15 tons of coal, has 12 wheels with six drivers and a trailer beside the pony truck. It is of the superheated type, has a cross compound pump and air reverse gear.

This monster locomotive, which has just been turned out as engine No. 42,-652 by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, of Philadelphia, Pa., has just been purchased as engine No. 486 by the Atlantic Coast Line and was brought here for an official inspection. It pulled in train No. 41 and went out with No. 42.

This engine has all modern appliances, including electric lights. It was bought only about a week ago and will start today pulling fast passenger trains on the main line south of Rocky Mount.

GOT 30 DAYS IN DEFAULT

Only One New Case in Recorder's Court Yesterday Morning.

There was only one new case in the Recorder's court yesterday, and George Nelson, colored, one of the three found guilty of an affray and taxed with costs, went to the county road gang for a month in default of his part. There were two warrants presented, but upon examination it was found that one of them charging V. R. Simmons, colored, with an assault, was included in the other, which charged George Nelson, V. R. Simmons and James Sykes with an affray and the warrants were merged together.

The case against Mr. R. R. Brown, the jitney bus driver for the Wilmington Taxicab Company, who ran against Mrs. Hatchell a few weeks ago at Front and Princess, was continued on account of Mrs. Hatchell's condition, which prevented her from attending the trial.

Mr. E. W. Coleman was given a nol pros. with leave, on a charge of an assault.

MANY WEDDINGS PAST YEAR

Number of Marriage Licenses Issued to Whites Exceed the Blacks.

There were 211 marriage licenses issued to white couples in New Hanover county for the year ending December 1st and 178 licenses to colored couples. There were more licenses issued for white people than usual while the number for the colored people shows a decrease. This is rather unusual and it is also worthy of noting that in past years the number of licenses issued to colored people have exceeded those issued to white people while this year it is the reverse.

There has been no disposition for people in New Hanover county not to marry but rather on the contrary in the past few months, there have been more licenses issued than usual.

MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS IN MARCH.

Jr. O., Sorosis and Colonial Dames Will Conduct One Month.

It was announced yesterday morning that the moonlight schools would open for another month's session the last week in March, under the auspices of the Junior Order, North Carolina Sorosis and the Colonial Dames. This action has been taken as a result of the marked success of the work last month.

The teachers will be principally members of Sorosis, as most of the teachers in the Delgado schools belong to the club and received experience during the recent campaign against adult illiteracy. The November term was under the auspices of the State Board of Education, and these local organizations will carry on the work in the spring.

ARMY MAKES APPEAL.

The Salvation Army Has Big Plans for Christmas.

The Salvation Army, whose principal work is charity, is making a strong appeal for special help for their Christmas activities, in which they expect to give a large number of baskets to poor families, beside giving a large Christmas tree.

In making their appeal to the public, Adjutant and Mrs. Mataxas have sent out a beautiful folder with life colored pictures showing the extremes of comfort of some and want of others, and appealed for a real Christmas for all. The Salvation Army claims to be the greatest agent in America to solicit means from the wealthy with which to help the poor.

BURGAW PREPARING TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Good Roads Meeting Friday To be Largely Attended

Big Delegation Expected to Go from Wilmington—Much Interest is Being Manifested in Different Counties.

Burgaw is making preparations to entertain those who attend the good roads meeting there Friday in royal style, according to Mr. N. H. Lockhart, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Pender county, who was in Wilmington yesterday for the purpose of conferring with Chairman W. A. McGirt, of the New Hanover Board of Commissioners. It is planned to have the exercises in front of the Court House at Burgaw and following the addresses by prominent citizens a big barbecue will be served.

Among those who have accepted invitations to make addresses are John P. Best, John T. Bland, Esqs., of Burgaw; Judge W. P. Stacy, of Wilmington; State Senator Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw, and Maj. Geo. E. Butler, of Clinton.

Dr. Geo. K. Patterson, chairman of the highway committee of the Rotary Club, reported at the regular meeting of this organization yesterday afternoon that the indications were that the meeting would be a most successful one. He stated that he had been informed that large delegations would go to Burgaw from Clinton and Wallace and that he had a letter from the Chamber of Commerce in Fayetteville stating that a delegation would go from that place.

The Rotary Club has been working on the proposition for several weeks and practically the only matter taken up at the meeting yesterday was the discussion of arrangements for the road meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. S. M. Boatwright, who asked Mr. C. C. Chadbourn to preside.

Dr. Patterson asked that a committee be appointed to secure the necessary money to finance the sending of a large delegation from Wilmington and the chairman named the following: Mr. D. H. Howes, chairman; Messrs. T. D. Love, E. L. White and M. A. Curtis.

Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., chairman of the committee to secure automobiles, reported that he had already secured the promise of between 50 and 60 cars for the trip and he was confident that at least 200 people would go on the trip from Wilmington. The cars will assemble at the City Hall on North Third street at 9 o'clock Friday morning and will leave the city at 9:30 o'clock. It is planned to reach Wilmington on the return trip not later than 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Those who will furnish machines for the trip are requested to notify Mr. MacMillan.

The purpose of the meeting is to arouse interest in a highway from Wilmington to Fayetteville which will connect with the Central Highway at that point and continuing west will also connect with the National highway. There are two routes for the highway from this city and it is likely that both will be developed, this depending largely on the interest manifested. The Wilmington delegation will be committed to neither one, simply being desirous of arousing interest in better roads.

It is probable that a good roads association will be formed at the meeting Friday which will have for its object the building of good roads in New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Sampson and Cumberland counties.

Chairman Lockhart stated yesterday that he was having the road in Pender county across the river from Castle Haynes put in first class shape, so that visitors from Wilmington would have no difficulty in reaching Burgaw Friday.

MASS MEETING HELD.

Preparations Being Made by Burgaw Citizens for Road Meeting.

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 14.—That the citizens of Burgaw are awake to the advantage of having the proposed highway from Wilmington to Fayetteville pass through here was evidenced by the largely attended mass meeting at the Court House last night for the purpose of making arrangements to meet the visitors on Friday and entertain them. Mr. W. M. Hand presided at the meeting. The following committees were appointed:

Finance—C. E. McCullen and W. D. Huhn.

Arrangements—R. Y. Corbett, R. T. Murray and Dr. J. D. Durham.

Advertising—P. E. Brewer and C. L. Halstead.

J. J. Best, Esq., was selected to make the address of welcome to the visitors. It was decided to furnish a barbecue dinner to the visitors and the committee on arrangements will look after getting the hogs and the other necessary adjuncts for barbecued pig.

It is believed here that the proposed highway could not advantageously follow a more desirable route than the old Wilmington and Kenansville road as far as Wallace for the reason that the roads in Rocky Point and Burgaw townships are to be kept up by taxation in the future and this is now considered the only practicable method for maintaining good roads. After passing through Rocky Point and Burgaw townships, this leaves only Union township in Pender county to provide a stretch of 10 or 12 miles to the Duplin county line.

In addition to the committees appointed at the mass meeting, everybody in Burgaw is expected to act as a member of the reception committee and to make the visitors feel that they are welcome.

WILL PRACTICE SEPARATELY.

Kellum & Loughlin, Attorneys, Dissolve Law Firm.

According to announcements sent out yesterday by Charles C. Loughlin, Esq., to his clients, the law firm of Kellum & Loughlin, formed several years ago, has been dissolved, and Mr. Loughlin and Mr. Woodus Kellum, who composed the firm, will each practice separately. They will use their present offices in the Odd Fellows' building at the corner of Third and Princess streets. This has long been one of Wilmington's prominent law firms.

Automobile Accident Yesterday.

Lambert Ford, colored, yesterday ran a Ford automobile belonging to the Wilmington Taxicab Company, into the car being driven by Fred Foy, in the southern part of the city. Both autos were slightly injured, but no one was hurt.

PYTHIANS HAVE BIG BANQUET

Clarendon Lodge Had Enjoyable Affair at Colonial Apartments—Col. Walker Taylor Toastmaster.

Fifty members of Clarendon Lodge, No. 2 Knights of Pythias, gathered around the banquet board at the Colonial Apartments, corner Third and Market streets, last evening and for more than two hours enjoyed a feast of viands, which was followed by a real feast of reason, fun and good fellowship. Colonel Walker Taylor was toastmaster and surprised even those who know how well suited he is for a position of this nature at an occasion of this kind.

He had an apt speech of introduction for every speaker and it must be said that they were able to respond in kind. National preparedness naturally was discussed but Col. Taylor never let the speeches get too serious.

Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, ardent churchman and also enthusiastic Pythian, delighted the banquetters with a reading from a new kind of Bible, as Captain Oldham expressed it. It was about a German who stepped on a barrel, who vowed that the next time he wouldn't step on a barrel but on a box.

Chancellor Commander R. G. Cosby started the ball to rolling by making an eloquent speech that set a pace hard to follow by some of the remaining ones but they did nobly and well and it reached a fitting climax when Dr. W. W. Galloway, who has long been prominent in Pythian circles, closed the addresses of the evening with an eloquent address in which he paid a beautiful tribute to Pythianism.

Mr. G. B. Moore, the newly elected Chancellor Commander of the lodge, spoke briefly on the prospects of the lodge for the coming year. Mr. F. W. Gerken gave a monologue which brought down the house., so to speak.

Iredell Meares, Esq., was called on by Colonel Taylor and responded with a talk in which he expressed his warm and cordial principles of the Pythian order. Others who responded to toasts included Messrs. D. W. Burruss, L. R. Hummell, W. D. Jones W. P. Oldham and L. F. Sollee. Mr. J. W. Smith, who is always there when anything is doing in Pythian circles, read a letter stating that the new costumes for putting on the work of the different degress would soon arrive.

After the singing of the closing ode, the meeting was closed with the benediction by Dr. McClure.

The supper was a most enjoyable one and was served in a most acceptable manner under the capable direction of Mrs. W. L. Miller. The decorations were elaborate and suggestive of the approaching Christmas holidays.

THINK THEY HAVE ROBBERS.

Officers Had Been Trailing Alleged Gang—All for Superior Court.

County Officer H. Mack Godwin, Policeman D. W. Coleman and Policeman Leon George all came back from Rocky Point Monday night much pleased to know that everyone of the negroes they had suspected as belonging to a band for the purpose of robbery, is now awaiting trial in Superior court, probable cause having been found against James and Oscar Johnson and Arthur Berry, colored, for breaking into the W. H. Malpass store at Rocky Point and Stinson Belden, colored, for breaking in the Burgaw A. C. L. station. The hearing was held Monday at Rocky Point before Magistrate Pearsall. The other of the alleged gang is Nathaniel Ballard, against whom probable cause had been found in the Recorder's court here.

County Officer Godwin yesterday said the officers who have been working up the cases against the negroes for several weeks, are especially glad that the name of James Johnson was added to the list, as it will give them an opportunity to show the evidence they have and can secure against him, as they believe he aided in the capacity of leader of the gang.

Johnson was discharged by Recorder Emple a few days ago when two others were bound over. Mr. Godwin says that the officers are finding new evidence every day and that by the time Superior court is convened next month, declares that they will have enough to make several interesting cases.

STOCKHOLDERS HAVE MEETING.

Shepard's Chemical Company Declares Usual Dividend of 7 Per Cent.

The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of Shepard's Chemical Co., manufacturers of a line of medicines and insecticides from pine products, was held at the plant of the concern at Kilfly, near Wilmington, on the Wilmington and Newbern railroad, yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. There were a large number of stockholders, including both resident and non-resident, at the meeting. The usual annual dividend of 7 per cent was declared and the secretary was directed to mail out the dividend checks on December 23rd in order that they may reach the stockholders as a Christmas present.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, Joseph C. Shepard; vice president, F. B. Gault, of Lake Waccamaw; secretary and treasurer, F. H. McCullough.

The board of directors is composed of the following stockholders: Messrs. Joseph C. Shepard, F. B. Galt, F. H. McCullough, Graham Kenan, J. H. James, Edgar L. Hart and B. F. Keith.

CANETUCK SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED

Damage Estimated $2,500—Work Will Continue in Church.

The Canetuck school house, about 35 miles up the river in Pender county, was completely wiped out by fire last night between 7 and 8 o'clock. The origin of the fire has not been determined as there was no one near when the flames, that enveloped the building, were discovered.

The work of the school will continue in the Canetuck Baptist church until a new school building can be put up. The building was pretty well covered with insurance and the progressive committee, composed of Messrs. C. H. Zibelin, J. D. Dew and H. P. Flynn, are already busy looking to the future and planning for the building. The teachers, Miss Annie Fay Keith, principal, and Miss Addie Barnwell, assistant, will begin their work today in the church.

FUNERAL OF MR. M'CRAW

Services Held at Bellevue Cemetery Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mr. T. A. M'Craw, whose death occurred Monday night about midnight at Mrs. Edward's boarding house, No. 113 1-2 Market street, from heart trouble, was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Bellevue cemetery by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Interment was in Bellevue in the presence of a large number of friends.

OLD 1915

is rapidly drawing to a close. Have you done your duty to yourself and family by saving a little this year? If not, there is yet time for you to get started, and we would suggest that you call at the "People's" and open an account—NOW.

Start with $1.00 or any amount you might care to begin with—the small depositor as well as the large one always finds a welcome at the "People's."

OLD AND STRONG.

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

Corner Front and Princess Streets.

A Gold Coin

makes a very acceptable Christmas present. We have the new gold coins in all denominations. Put one of these coins in the neat little holder which we are giving out, and you have an ideal gift for any one. Later, the coin will be deposited and you have started some one on the road to Saving.

We also have a supply of new silver and new pennies.

You are always welcome at

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150 Boxes Cheese.
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More Kimonos and Bath Robes

Our First Shipment of Kimonos and Bath Robes sold out so fast that we wired for more. This second lot was received this week. They're Beautiful Garments for the Price, and the second lot will last only a few days. Come early in order to get the choice ones.

Crepe Kimonos, all colors and styles, at . . . 98c, $1.48, $1.98.
Imported Crepe Kimonos, Grape Designs, at $2.98
All Silk Jap. Kimonos, at . . . . . $3.95 and $4.95
Beautiful Figured Messaline Kimonos, at . . . . . $6.50 and $9.95
Ladies' Bath Robes; all the new effects . . . $2.50, $3.50 and $3.98

Large Size Turkish Towels With Fast Colored Borders

The most popular gift for the home-lover. The Towel is real heavy-weight. Excellent quality and the colored borders are woven in, and are guaranteed not to fade. They are nice to crochet edges on with colored coronet to match.

Prices: 25c, 48c and 50c. Each.

More Blankets Again Today

Just received, another case of our famous Woolknap Blankets; heavy weight, full sizes. Price: $1.69 and $2.25 Pair.

Ask for Bungalow Tickets.

Belk Brothers
BIG DEPARTMENT STORES

Lot of New Christmas Novelties Today.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. O. T. Mattox leaves this morning for Jacksonville, Fla., to visit her daughter, who is ill.

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Miss Bessie Battson returned to her home at Rocky Point Sunday after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. J. C. Moore, No. 505 Walnut street.

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There were 331 Red Cross seals sold yesterday at the Post Office booth. Mrs. William C. Munds and Mrs. I. W. Solomon will be chaperones today.

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The relief work, which is carried on in the assembly rooms of the Colonial Dames every Wednesday afternoon, will be suspended until January 12th, 1916. It is hoped that many will then resume the work with increased zeal and interest.

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JOSLYN-CLARK WEDDING

AT CLARKTON THIS MONTH

Friends in Wilmington have received handsomely engraved invitations reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lee Clark
invite you to be present
at the marriage of their daughter
Annie Neal
to
Mr. Harvey Langill Joslyn
Thursday evening, the thirtieth of December
at half after eight o'clock
Presbyterian church
Clarkton, North Carolina.

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CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT BY BUNGALOW CONTEST COMMITTEE

The committee in charge of the Bungalow contest has arranged a program for the Christmas entertainment for the benefit of the children of Wilmington, on Christmas eve day from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M., in the Victoria Theatre. A splendid picture programme will include "Ngihts Before Christmas," a one-reel Vitagraph; "Cinderella," a three-reel Selig; and a reel of comic cartoons, making five reels in all. Besides the pictures, a delightful elocutionist in costume suggestive of Christmas, will entertain the children with Christmas recitations. There will be special music, besides a number of surprises in store for those in attendance.

At the conclusion of the program the bungalow and several other prizes will be presented, it is hoped, by a real live Santa Claus.

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AN EVENING FOR BARIUM SPRINGS ORPHANS' HOME

On Friday night at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in Memorial Hall will be given an entertainment for the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs. The following invitations have been issued:

"As recipients of the goodness of God which increases with our daily recollection thereof, we should find much pleasure and satisfaction in an event that will afford us an opportunity of giving expression of our gratitude.

"Occasion—An evening for the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs.

"Time—Friday, December 17th, 1915.

"Hour—Eight o'clock.

"Place—Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

"Opportunity—A gift of oranges for the 'Fatherless Ones' at Barium Springs, N. C.

"Entertainment—A delightful musical programme.

"To the evening's entertainment you are most cordially invited, and we hope that you will make an effort to come and bring a gift of oranges to be shipped to the Orphans' Home in time to give the children there a bright and happy Christmas."

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

One of the important social events of the year will be the joint entertainment to be given at the Young Women's Christian Association on Thursday, December 30th, by the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. The joint New Year's reception or social has been an annual event in Wilmington for several years and is always looked forward to with much pleasure by the members of both organizations. An invitation will be extended to all adult members and their friends to be present.

There will be a number of interesting features including gymnasium exercises by a group of young ladies from the Y. W. C. A. and also by a group of young men from the Y. M. C. A. It is expected that this will be one of the most pleasant occasions of the year.

At a meeting of the Library committee yesterday, which was presided over by the chairman, Miss Della Cline, it was decided that hereafter all fines collected for overdue books would be applied to the purchase of new books. Three new volumes have recently been added to the library of the association, these books being "Dear Enemy," by Jean Webster; "The Lost Prince," by Frances Hodgson Burnett, and "Amarilly of Clothes-Line Alley," by Belle K. Mariates. The committee is selling Beissner's milk chocolates for the benefit of the library fund.

Many are buying the beautiful association calendars and association pins, these maknig beautiful Christmas presents.

The sale of Japanese novelties by the Blue Ridge Club was a big success and practically everything was disposed of. Several bolts of Japanese toweling was left which will be disposed of during the holidays.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Messrs W. W. Love and M. M. Woody trading as Love & Woody, have started suit in the Recorder's court against the Atlantic & Western Railway Company. No complaint was filed.

—Sheriff Cowan states that he is making up his advertising list of those who have failed to pay their taxes for the current year and he would very much appreciate it, if all those who have not yet paid their taxes would come forward and let him write them a receipt in full.

—Mr. Rufus LeGrande, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. LeGrande, No. 211 Chestnut street, received a broken collar bone Monday afternoon while playing football with his companions. His friends will be glad to learn that the bone has been set and that he is resting nicely.

PEANUT CROP SHORT.

Increase in Acreage, but Decreased Yield—Good Prices.

News comes from Norfolk, which is about the biggest peanut market in America, Virginia and North Carolina being the principal growing states, that there is a slight shortage in the crop this year, although the acreage of Virginia peanuts was slightly increased. The shortage was on account of poor production.

However, the price was good this year and the peanut growers are better off than they were a year ago.

They Let Him Sleep Soundly

"Since taking Foley Kidney Pills I believe I am entirely cured and I sleep soundly all night." H. T. Straynge.

Take two of Foley Kidney Pills with a glass of pure water after each meal and at bedtime. A quick and easy way to put a stop to your getting up time after time during the night.

Foley Kidney Pills also stop pain in back and sides, headaches, stomach troubles, disturbed heart action, stiff and aching joints, and rheumatic pains due to kidney and bladder ailments.

Gainesville, Ga., R. R. No. 3. Mr. H. T. Straynge says: "For ten years I've been unable to sleep all night without getting up. Sometimes only a few minutes after going to bed I'd have to get up, and I tried everything I heard of for the trouble. Last year I tried Foley Kidney Pills and after taking one bottle I believe I am entirely cured and I sleep soundly all night."

R. R. Bellamy, Druggist.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. H. H. Ford, of the local United States Engineer's office, has returned from a several days' visit in Raleigh.

—Friends will regret to learn that Mr. H. V. Conly, chief clerk to Capt. C. S. Ridley, in charge of the local United States Engineer's office, is confined to his home on account of illness.

STARS AND STRIPES AND PACIFIC MAIL TO REMAIN

Line Expected to Resume Operations With the Orient.

New York, Dec. 14. — The announcement by the Southern Pacific Company today that it had agreed to sell it holdings of 110,800 shares of Pacific Mail Steamship Company stock to W. R. Grace & Company, was taken here to mean that the Stars and Stripes and the Pacific Mail flag will remain on the Pacific ocean.

While the plans made public by W. R. Grace & Company, who in conjunction with the American International Corporation, announced yesterday that they had purchased the seven remaining steamers of the Pacific Mail Company, are only general, it was predicted that the new purchasers would so rejuvenate the Pacific Mail that within a year or so the line might resume operations between this country and the Orient.

FREIGHT WRECK AT FAISON

Four Cars Overturned—Track Blocked for Several Hours.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 14.—A freight wreck at Faison, seven miles south of here, shortly before 9 o'clock in which four cars were overturned, completely blocked traffic for several hours, and made necessary the continuance of train 91 from Goldsboro to Faison, in order that passengers, mail, express, etc., on train 42 might be transferred and taken on to their destinations with as little delay as possible. After the track was finally cleared, train 42 proceeded on to Goldsboro and ran from there to Norfolk as train 90.

The falling of some brake rigging beneath one of the cars was said to be the cause of the wreck.

Conductor Matthews, in charge of the freight train, was the only member of the crew reported injured, who is said to have sustained injuries to his back.

MORE TRAINS FOR HOPEWELL

A. C. L. and N. & W. to Operate Three Daily Passenger Trains.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 14.—Following the urgent appeal from the Richmond chamber of commerce and the demand of the emergency following the burning of Hopewell the past week, Atlantic Coast Line officials here are busy at the task of lining up a permanent passenger service of three trains each day between the mushroom city and the capital of the Dominion. These new trains will be operated in accordance with the shifts at the powder mill and will be handled from Richmond over the Atlantic Coast Line to Petersburg and there they will be turned over to the Norfolk & Western to be handled the remaining dozen miles of the trip to Hopewell.

MR. T. L. REED APPOINTED

Master Mechanic of North and East Carolina Division of Seaboard

Special Star Correspondence).

Hamlet, N. C., Dec. 14.—Announcement had been made by the Seaboard Air Line of the appointment of Mr. T. L. Reed as master mechanic of the North Carolina division, also the East Carolina division of the Seaboard with headquarters at Hamlet. Formerly the headquarters of the master mechanic of this division was in Raleigh, and the East Carolina division, which is the old C. A. & W. had their master mechanic at Andrews, S. C.

Mr. Reed has for several months been the assistant master mechanic, and has been in charge of the works at Hamlet.

M'NORTON IS EMPLOYED.

To Collect Back Taxes for New Hanover County on Commission.

Announcement was made yesterday that the special committee composed of Chairman McGirt, Auditor Orrell and County Attorney Stacy, to secure an attorney to collect the back taxes due the county, had employed J. A. McNorton, Esq., a well known lawyer of this city. Mr. McNorton will do the work on a commission basis.

The light within us is the perfect light. We seldom credit others with higher motives than we possess.

CRITICISM OF COUNTY HOME BY DR. NESBITT

(Continued From Page Five)

cause they are not vaccinated as required by law and because of acute infections. The vaccinations have been practically completed. Children having acute infections, such as bad colds, coughs and sore throats will be carefully excluded from the schools until recovered. It is vastly more important that sick children should have proper home care and medical attention and that well children should be protected from infection, than that any principal or teacher should achieve distinction for maintaining attendance.

Criticises County Home.

"My attention has been called to the fact that inmates of the county home are not required to do any sort of work, and that they are not held in proper restraint, nor subjected to discipline. A policy of this kind is not only ruinous from an economic standpoint, but is unfavorable to the best health conditions of these people. A few of the inmates are totally disabled and unfit for any effort. The majority of them are able to take care of their rooms, to do very light chores and to take their meals in the common dining room. I am informed that now meals are prepared in the kitchen and carried to the inmates in their apartments. The county should be spared the expense of employing help to do this unnecessary work, the exercise from which would benefit the inmate. The lack of restraint and control of the inmates is a serious handicap to the success of the institution. Inmates who are not able to do so are permitted to come and go to the city at will. Treatment of the sick in this institution is difficult because medicines ordered are not promptly secured, and when ordered are not always given according to directions. Inmates are dosed with medicines without orders from the physician and other remedial measures are neglected or misused. I would most respectfully suggest that the Board of Health, through its chairman, bring this matter to the attention of the County Commissioners. Public institutions cannot be run successfully without proper system or discipline.

"I beg to report that the recent inspection of our work in rural sanitation, which was made by Prof. C. W. Stiles, of the United States Public Health Service, and Dr. G. M. Cooper, director of the Bureau of Rural Sanitation of the North Carolina State Board of Health, showed an improvement over conditions found in the inspection made last year, of 45 per cent on the government system of grading."

Report of Dr. Thames.

Dr. John Thames, county health officer, reported in his regular visits to the several county institutions for the inspection and instruction and the treatment of diseases he had found no cases of sickness among either the inmates or prisoners except as direct results of some chronic condition and these yielded to treatment most admirably. The sanitary condition of the institutions were found to be as good as circumstances will permit.

The rural school buildings and grounds are not properly cared for, Dr. Thames declared, and in most instances it is the fault of poor janitor service. He was busy during the month examining children. There were 423 children excluded from the schools on account of not being vaccinated and 235 of these were vaccinated. These figures include the city. Eighteen children were specially treated. He made 70 visits to indigent in city and county and treated 56 patients. Sixty-nine permits were granted to the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

Dr. T. B. Carroll, meat and milk inspector, submitted his monthly report as follows:

"I made 29 inspections of dairies and dairy farms; the sanitary condition, health of cattle and attendants were good. The bacterial counts and butter fat tests of our milk supply are as follows:

	Butter Fats Pct.	Bacteria Counts
Echo Farms	3.9	3,000
A. G. Warren (pasteurized)	4.7	10,000
L. L. Newell	4.0	10,000
Cape Fear Dairy	4.1	17,000
Chas. Rogers	4.1	18,000
Holland Dairy	3.8	32,000
O. Martindale	3.8	35,000
Frost Ice Cream Co.	4.3	45,000
Darden & Merritt	4.2	45,000
P. Wildebore	3.9	45,000
D. F. Klein Sons	3.7	45,000
E. C. Craft	4.4	70,000
W. M. Collins	4.2	70,000
H. C. Blake	4.4	75,000
W. A. Spencer	4.2	100,000
Barlow Bros.	3.9	130,000
E. Kerr	4.3	200,000
H. A. DeCover	4.1	250,000
H. L. Kidd	4.1	300,000

"I made 1,666 post examinations of fresh slaughtered meats as follows: 146 cattle, 77 calves, 1,395 hogs, 46 sheep, 2 goats and 3 deer, with one hog and one veal condemned as unfit for food."

Food Inspection Report.

Mr. H. R. Aiken, food inspector submitted a report of his work during the month as follows:

"I have scored 93 food and soft drink establishments during the month and in addition have made 187 inspections of such places, as follows: Bakeries, 6; meat markets, 38; soda fountains, 41; ice cream and confectionery plants, 36; restaurants, 28; groceries, 33; fish and oyster stalls, 4; cold storage plants, 1.

"The work has progressed very satisfactorily during the month, and I believe a continued improvement is to be noted.

"The United Cigar Store fountain has the highest score of any of the food and drink establishments this month, making the excellent mark of 94.6. The New Way Market is second with 94.3. You will note that a number of places are scoring over 90 now.

"Substantial increases in the scores of a number of the soda fountains for November are accounted for by the fact that beginning with this month and until warm weather comes again, lack of screens does not detract from the fountain scores. In other food establishments, however screens are a requisite the whole year round, and lacking these, many places, especially grocery stores, are not making the scores they should be. Taking into consideration the dull business conditions of the past months, the department has avoided any endeavor to force the merchants to the expense of improvements that could be done without, and no attempt has been made to force the small grocers to install screens. However, we believe that this policy will bear fruit in the long run, and now that business conditions are showing some promise of improvement prospects are that many of the merchants will take steps to add these and other needed improvements in the near future."

Mr. George F. Catlett, director of the laboratory, reported that the city water has been unusually satisfactory, both in appearance and sanitary quality. The changes that have been made at the plant are gradually effecting wonderful improvements, in the quality of the water and the reduction of cost of treatment, he stated. The past month has shown the cheapest cost for chemicals in the history of the present plant.

Mr. Otto Genaust, plumbing inspector, reported that 174 fixtures were installed, 64 houses connected to sewer, 51 laterals laid, 88 permits granted, 65 inspections made. There were no condemnations.

Mr. E. Piner, chief of sanitary police, reported that 14,560 inspections were made, 1,844 closets condemned and ordered cleaned, 35 complaints received and 1,897 closets cleaned as reported by Mr. Holton.

Miss Pinner, public health nurse, reported that she visited 75 homes and 54 schools. Five pupils were referred to family physician and 385 to county health officer. Seven were excluded from school and 24 infants are being cared for.

—Mr. George H. Bunker, junior engineer in the office of the United States Engineer, left yesterday for a business trip in the North. He was accompanied to New York by the assistant engineer in charge of the New York district engineer's office, who had been here for a week on a hunting expedition.

CUTTER ON WINTER CRUISE

Steamed From Port Yesterday for Cape Hatteras—Will Continue Cruises For Six Months.

The Unied States coast guard cutter Seminole steamed from port here yesterday about noon for Cape Hatteras, on the first of the winter series of cruises. Captain Preston H. Uberroth is in command.

The series of winter cruises, which days ago from Charleston where she went soon after her return from Porto Rico, to undergo repairs on the marine railway. The repairs consisted chiefly of having the hull scraped and painted, this having become necessary on account of staying four months in the tropical waters.

The series of winter cruisers, which begun yesterday, will last six months. Cape Hatteras is the most northerly point of the cutter's territory and Charleston, S. C., is the most southerly. She will make Wilmington headquarters and continually go out and in making cruises, for the protection of coastwise shipping in the winter season, which is often seriously endangered on account of storms during this season.

In former years these cruises lasted from December 1st to April 1st, this season being thought the most dangerous. The cutter has good speed and can make the entire distance from Charleston to Hatteras in a short time and is prepared to assist vessels, in case of fire, wrecking, or almost anything that is likely to happen to the passenger or freight shipping.

MILLER AT SEAGATE.

New Pastor Takes Charge of Methodist Circuit—Building Church.

Rev. J. H. Miller, who is to succeed Rev. G. M. Daniel, as pastor of the Methodist churches at Seagate and Wrightsville, has entered upon his new work, and Rev. Mr. Daniel has gone to Chadbourn, where he takes charge of the Chadbourn circuit. Mr. Miller comes from Hallsboro circuit, where he served during the past year, and from where he comes well recommended.

A considerable sum of money has been raised among the Wilmington Methodists the past year for the purpose of building a church at Winter Park. Mr. James B. Lynch was employed to draw plans, which are now in the hands of a building committee. These plans call for a beautiful brick veneer structure after the Gothic style of architecture. The building of this church will likely make the largest demands on Mr. Miller's time during the coming year.

DIED AT ROCKY POINT

Mr. T. B. Wright, Formerly Lived at Wilmington.

The news of the death of Mr. T. B. Wright, formerly of Wilmington, but recently of Rocky Point, will be heard here and elsewhere with many regrets, death occuring at the James Walker Memorial Hospital last evening at 7:30 o'clock, following an operation.

Mr. Wright was a well known traveling man from this city for many years. He was a good church man and a Christian gentleman, having for years been a member of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church, to which church he lived loyally.

He was about 55 years of age and is survived with his bereaved wife and four children, who live at Rocky Point. He is also survived by a sister, Miss Mary A. Wright, of this city.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow from the residence at Rocky Point, and burial will be in Pike Creek Methodist church cemetery, near there.

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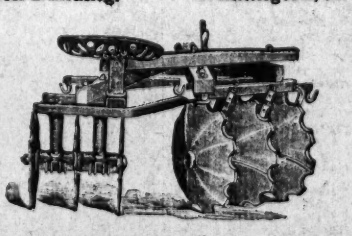

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

GENERAL DECLINE IN COTTON

Market Nervous and Irregular, Trading Less Active, Fluctuations Less Violent.

New York, Dec. 14.—The cotton market showed continued nervousness and irregularity today but trading was less activp and the fluctuations less violent. March ruled between 12.23 and 12.38, closing at 12.28 with the general list closing barely steady at a net decline of 10 to 16 points for the day.

Liverpool was lower than due today and the local market opened easy at a decline of 5 to 16 points. Active months sold off to a net loss of 14 to 18 points right afttr the call under renewed commission house liquidation. Liverpool was a good buyer, however, while a bullish view of the census supply and distribution figures probably promoted somt scattering demand and prices rallied to within three or four points of last night's closing figures before the end of the first hour.

After the close of the English market had shut out arbitrage buying, the market weakened under continued Southern and Wall street liquidation, with January selling at 12.00, May to 12.47 and July to 12.59. But offerings were not as active or aggressive as they were yesterday and fluctuations lated in the day were comparatively narrow and irregular with rallies of some 10 to 12 points, running into long cotton and with prices easing off after 2 o'clock in sympathy with an easier turn in New Orleans and reports that the spot market there was 12 points lower on sales of only thirty bales. General business was doubtless restricted by wire troubles resulting from the storm but comparatively little news was received from the South. The census figures showing domestic mill consumption of lint and linters for the month of November of 592,795 bales were considered line with the bullish view of this country's requirements, estimates as to which range from about 6 3-4 to 7 million bales.

Clased barely steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	12.08	12.11	12.00	12.04
March	12.35	12.38	12.23	12.28
May	12.50	12.61	12.47	12.49
July	12.61	12.71	12.59	12.61
October	12.20	12.23	12.15	12.17

Spot cotton qup itemiddling uplands 12.25; no sales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 11.82; receipts, 15,422; exports, 6,242; sales, 830, stock, 363,290.

Galveston—Middling, 12.20; receipts, 21,753; exports, 9,204; sales, 700; stock, 327,307.

Mobile — Middling, 11.63; receipts, 3,235; sales, 50; stock, 26,619.

Savannah—Middling, 12.25; receipts, 4,012; exports, 8,563; sales, 1,550; stock, 226,324.

Charleston — Receipts 2,078; stock, 104,765.

Wilmington — Receipts, 167; stock, 50,550.

Norfolk — Middling, 11.63; receipts, 3,601; sales, 1,234; stock, 123,104.

Baltimore—Stock, 6,286.

Boston—Stock, 10,500.

Philadelphia — Receipts, 33; stock, 2,634.

New York—Middling, 12.25; receipts, 198; stock, 302,897.

Minor Ports—Stock, 44,490.

Total today — Receipts, 50,499; exports, 24,009; stock, 1,593,758.

Total for week — Receipts, 140,355; exports, 104,783.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,610,212; exports, 2,051,662.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 12.20; receipts, 13,515; shipments, 9,375; sales, 2,614; stock, 225,374.

Memphis—Middling, 12.12; receipts, 6,527; shipments, 5,482; sales, 1,050; stock, 322,842.

Augusta — Middling, 11.63; receipts, 2,434; shipments, 642; sales, 872; stock, 204,985.

St. Louis — Middling, 12¼; receipts, 11,778; shipments, 11,778; stock, 14,010.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 707; shipments, 1,706; stock, 19,652.

Little Rock—Middling, 12.25; receipts, 2,749; shipments, 2,687; sales, 2,687; stock, 46,272.

Dallas—Middling, 11.60.

Montgomery — Middling, 11.50; sales, 236.

Total today—Receipts, 37,710; shipments, 31,670; stock, 833,135.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14. — Bullish pit operations inspired by the strength in lard and firm crude situation put cotton seed oil higher today. Towards the close late months reacted somewhat under selling by refiners and realizing, but final prices showed net gains of from 5 to 12 points. Closed steady. Spot, 8.33; January and February, 8.38 @8.40; March, 8.39@8.41; April, 8.42@ 8.48; May, 8.49@8.50; June, 8.53@ 8.58; July, 8.57@8.58; December, 8.34@ 8.37.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Market Under Selling Pressure and at Decline Throughout Day

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—The local cotton market was again under selling pressure today and stood at a net decline throughout, although its undertone was steady because of bullish census figures on November consumption.

Around the opening prices fell 10 to 11 points in spite of good cables and the census figures. Subsequently there was a reaction on new buying and covering by realizing shorts and the price was put to within 3 or 4 points of yesterday's close.

Another period of easiness widened the decline 17 to 18 points. In the last half of the session the market was more or less irregular with a tendency to recover. The close was at a net loss of 11 to 13 points.

A steadying influence was the constant claim from the interior that spots were being firmly held and that sellers were not meeting the decline in futures. The busiest marketing points in Texas reported only small sales. Spots here were down 12 points, but sales on the spot were only 30 bales while only 800 bales were sold to arrive. Closed steady. Closing bids: January 11.91; March 12.21; May 12.43; July 12.56; October 12.10.

Spot cotton quiet, 12 points off. Sales on the spot 30, to arrive 800. Middling 11.82.

When a woman obeys a man she need never question herself if she loves him. When she only respects his opinion he has only her esteem.

WHEAT MARKET DEPRESSED

Heavy Profit Taking by Longs Who Predict Bearish Crop Report Today.

Chicago, Dec. 14. — Heavy profit taking by longs who asserted that the government crop report tomorrow was likely to prove bearish, wiped out the greater part of a lively advance scored today in the wheat market here. The close was heavy, at a net gain of ⅛ to 1⅛c., with December at 1.16¼ and May at 1.17¼@⅜; other final results were:

Corn unchanged to ⅛c. off; oats, unchanged to ¼c. up, and provisions unchanged to 40c. higher.

Grain and provisions close:

Wheat — December, 1.16¼; May, 1.17¼.

Corn—December, 67⅜; May, 70⅞.

Oats—December, 42; May, 45.

Pork—January, 18.55; May, 18.50.

Lard—January, 9.75; May, 10.00.

Ribs—January, 9.80; May, 10.12.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.22@1.23; No. 3, red, 1.19@1.19¼; No. 2, hard, nominal; No. 3, hard, 1.09½@1.11½.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, old, 72@72½; No. 4, yellow, new, 65@67½; No. 4, white, new, 64¾@65½.

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Str. Keil (Ger.). 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

Str. Elsiston (Br.), 1,834 tons, Niven, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.40; small, $5.25.

TAR—$2.30-9½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 43. Rosin, $3.20. Tar, $2.00-8½. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 14

Rosin 128

Tar 516

Crude Turpentine 18

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 48 barrels; tar, 159 barrels; crude turpentine, 4 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal. Exporters offer 11c. Quotations last year, 6¾c.

Receipts—117 bales; same day last year, 788 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 132,734 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 79,774 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 14.

Atlantic Coast Line—92 bales cotton; 208 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—25 bales cotton; 148 barrels tar; 13 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Thelma—4 casks spirits turpentine; 44 barrels rosin; 42 barrels tar.

Annie B—4 casks spirits turpentine; 38 barrels rosin; 70 barrels tar; 5 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Addie May—6 casks spirits turpentine; 46 barrels rosin; 48 barrels tar.

Total—117 bales cotton; 14 casks spirits turpentine; 128 barrels rosin; 516 barrels tar; 18 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 13.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 13.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market lower. Fancy hand-picked, 80c.; No. 1, machine picked, 75c. per bushel.

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 65c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, steady; No. 1, small, machine-picked, 85c.; Jumbos, 80c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 14.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Old peanuts, first quality, 70c. per bu.; old, damaged, 40c. to 50c. per bu.; new, dry and clean, $1.05 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14. — Cotton goods were firm and yarns advanced today. Wool products also advanced. Leading carpet and rug lines were placed at value or withdrawn from sale for the season. Silks, steady.

STOCKS MORE ANIMATED

Strong Advance, Comprehending Many Classes of Securities, Made in Afternoon.

New York, Dec. 14.—The market drifted idly during the early part of today's stock market session, business being somewhat curtailed by yesterday's storm which interrupted wire communication. In the afternoon, however, the list became more animated and strong advances, comprehending many classes of securities.

Professional traders again contributed largely to the day's operations, that faction evidencing a sudden disposition to cover numerous short commitments. Foreign affairs were hardly a market factor and little was heard of relations between Washington and Vienna. London's offerings of American were in lesser volume, presumably in consequence of the plan of the British treasury for direct purchase of our securities, pursuant to its policy of "mobilization." In any event The scheme virtually puts a quietus on arbitrage between this center and the British metropolis for a time.

Anglo-French bonds sold in the regular way at 95 7-8, a decline of 3-8 from the syndicate price. The 60-day underwriting agreement expired with the close of today's market and hereafter the bonds can be offered without restriction of any kind.

Indications point to heavy dealings under the new conditions.

Specialties were almost the sole feature of interest during the afternoon although United State Steel, Canadian Pacific, Norfolk & Western and New York Central were higher by 1 to 2 points. Central added a fraction to its recent best on persisttnt reports of favorable dividend action on tomorrow's meeting of the directors.

Coppers led the highest movement of the afternoon and Mercantile Marine preferred rose to 7 1-4 to 74, on rumors that the shareholders and bond holders had reached an amicable agreement. Other prominent features of the final hour when prices were at the best, included Studebaker, Baldwin Locomotive nad Texas Company, the latter making an extreme gain of 15 1-4 at 226 1-4.

Exchange on Germany made a new low record checks falling to 77 1-8. Austrian remittances made no quotable recovery but sterling and francs were fairly steady.

Bonds were irregular on light trading. Total sales (par value, aggregated $4,410,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	32
American Beet Sugar	71¼
American Can	60⅞
American Car and Foundry	80¾
American Cities, pfd	46
American Cotton Oil	56¼
American Locomotive	69
American Smelting	99
American Sugar	116
American Tel. and Tel	128⅝
American Tobacco	206
Anaconda Copper	86½
Atchison	107
Atlantic Coast Line	114
Baldwin Locomotive	116½
Baltimore and Ohio	92⅜
Bethlehem Steel	474
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88¼
Canadian Pacific	181½
Central Leather	54½
Chesapeake and Ohio	62½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	53
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	16
Consolidated Gas	143½
Crucible Steel	73½
Erie	43
General Electric	175¼
General Motors	551
Great Northern, pfd	125½
Illinois Central	107
Interborough Consol. Corp	22⅛
Kansas City Southern	31
Lehigh Valley	82
Louisville and Nashville	127¾
Liggett and Myers	248
Lorillard Co	182½
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	16½
Mexican Petroleum	94
National Lead	64
New York Central	105¼
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	75¼
Norfolk and Western	122½
Northern Pacific	115⅞
Pennsylvania	58¾
Reading	82
Rep. Iron and Steel	55⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	112⅝
Seaboard Air Line	B. 17½
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	40
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	63
Studebaker Corporation	174
Southern Pacific	100½
Southern Railway	22
Southern Railway, pfd	61¾
Tennessee Copper	57¾
Texas Co	225
Texas and Pacific	14½
Union Pacific	137½
United States Rubber	54
United States Steel	86⅜
United States Steel, pfd	116¼
Utah Copper	80⅝
Virginia-Caro. Chem	46
Western Union	88¾
Westinghouse Electric	68⅜
Great Northern Ore	48¼
Va. I., C. and C	62
Wabash B. W. I.	29⅛
Missouri Pacific	38
United Fruit	147½

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 14. — Cotton, spot, easier; good middling, 791; middling, 7.54; low middling, 7.06. Sales, 12,000; for speculation and export, 1,000; receipts, 12,000. Futures, barely steady. December, 7.29; December-January, 7.28½; January-February, 7.28; February-March, 7.27½; March-April, 7.26; April-May, 7.23; May-June, 7.19½; June-July, 7.16; July-August, 7.12½; August-September, 6.97½; September-October, 6.80½; October-November, 6.74½.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 14. — Raw sugar, barely steady; centrifugal, 4.84@4.71; molasses, 3.87@3.94; refined, quiet.

Coffee—Spot, Rio, No. 7, 7¾; Santos, No. 4, 9c.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Steady.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 14. — Turpentine, firm, 52½; sales, 324; receipts, 330; shipments, 95; stock, 15,996.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 1,019; receipts, 2,595; shipments, 1,512; stock, 78,752. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, 5.40; I, 5.60; K, 5.95@6.10; M, 6.30; N, 6.70; W G, 7.00; W W, 7.25.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 15, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 29 degrees; at 8 P. M., 40 degrees; maximum, 47 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees; mean, 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .76 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 4.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair Wednesday. Thursday, increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably rain.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 15, 1915.

Sun rises .. ..7:10 A. M.
Sun sets .. ..5:04 P. M.
Day's length .. ..9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	5:08	5:31	12:22	12:00
Southport	3:11	3:25	9:22	9:40
Masonboro Inl	3:00	3:14	9:02	9:20

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 14, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene	cldy	70	48	.0
Asheville	clear	32	24	.0
Atlanta	clear	44	28	.0
Augusta	clear	50	32	.0
Baltimore	clear	34	—	.0
Birmingh	cldy	48	28	.0
Charleston	clear	48	32	.0
Charlotte	pt cldy	42	28	.0
Chicago	clear	18	10	.0
Galveston	pt cldy	66	56	.0
Jacksonv	clear	58	34	.0
Memphis	cldy	44	36	.0
Mobile	clear	54	36	.0
Montgom'y	cldy	52	32	.0
New Orl.	clear	60	40	.0
New York	clear	34	28	.38
Oklahoma	cldy	54	40	.0
Palestine	cldy	62	46	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	22	22	.0
Raleigh	pt cldy	42	30	.0
Savannah	clear	54	32	.0
Shreveport	cldy	52	40	.0
St. Louis	snow	32	22	.0
Washing'n	pt cldy	32	32	.0

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 14. — Hogs—Strong. Bulk, 6.20@6.65; light, 5.80@6.60; mixed, 6.10@6.80; heavy, 6.25@6.80; rough, 6.25@6.40; pigs, 4.50@6.00.

Cattle—Strong. Christmas beeves, 11.00@11.70; native beef steers, 6.10@ 11.00; cows and heifers, 2.85@8.40; calves, 6.75@10.35.

Sheep—Weak. Wethers, 6.10@6.80; ewes, 4.25@6.35; lambs, 7.00@9.50.

In some positions if you are on the spot one minute before the boss arrives, you are early; one minute after he arrives, you are late. The successful man never waits until the last minute.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in one certain mortgage given by D. M. Beardsley and wife, Sarah E. Beardsley, to H. A. Burr, Jr., on August 15, 1914, and duly recorded in Book 18, page 402, Public Records of New Hanover County, and assigned by the said mortgagee to the Standard Supply Company, default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 12:00 o'clock, M., at the Court House door, in Wilmington, North Carolina, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described pieces, parcels or lots of land, located in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, and bounded and described as follows:

First Tract—Being lot No. 5, Block A, on the Revised Map of Seagate Park, and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Myrtle Avenue, seven hundred and four (704) feet northwardly from its intersection with the northern line of Bradley's Creek macadam Road, said point being south 30 degrees west about three hundred and fifty (350) feet from high water mark of west side of Bradley's Creek, runs thence south 30 degrees west and along said western line of Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet to a point in the northern line of Lot No. six (6) in said Block, runs thence north 61 degrees west and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, thence north 30 degrees east and parallel with Myrtle avenue fifty-four (54) feet; thence south 61 degrees east and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, to the western line of Myrtle Avenue, the beginning.

Second Tract—Being Lot No. 4, Block A, according to Revised Map of Seagate Park, recorded in Book 66, at page 466 of the Records of New Hanover County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of a tract of land now or formerly belonging to Gertrude J. Howell, said point being located north 30 degrees E. 716 feet from the northerly line of Bradley's Creek Road, and running thence north 30 degrees E. 377 feet, more or less, to high water mark, or west side of Bradley's or Lee's Creek; thence in a southeastwardly direction along said high water mark of said creek fifty-eight (58) feet to the northwestern corner of Lot No. 3, in said Block; thence south 30 degrees west along the western line of said Lot No. 3, 362 feet, to the southwest corner of said lot No. 3, and thence north 61 degrees west fifty-two and two-tenths (52.2) feet to the beginning, together with necessary right of way as granted in deed from A. W. Pate and wife to S. W. Sebrell, dated April 30, 1909, duly recorded in Book 58, at page 268 of the Records of said County.

Said sale being made subject to a first mortgage for approximately $450.00, given by H. A. Burr, Jr., and wife, to the Rural Building and Loan Association and recorded in Book 68, page 72.

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No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
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No. 44. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 53. 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 52. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 52. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 59. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
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In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:56 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	a2:36 P. M.	a2:25 P. M.	.....
c d2:35 P.M.	.....	.....	c d3:06 P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:56 P. M.	3:46 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	a6:40 P. M.	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	f7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:46 P. M.	.....

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WHAT IS NEEDED IS MORE MEAT ANIMALS

Declares Secretary Houston in His Annual Report

Potash Situation Continues Serious—Recommends Land-Mortgage Banking Act and Legislation to Promote Marketing.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary Houston's annual report made public today, places an estimate of $9,873,000,000 on the value of American farm crops and animal products for last year, a valuation without precedent. This, however, probably will be eclipsed by the present year's showing.

What is needed more, perhaps, than anything else, the Secretary says, is an increase in meat animals. To that end, the Department has extended its activities as far as its funds would permit. Elimination of common live-stock diseases, from which losses are said to be enormous, would result in a material increase of the meat supply.

"It has been conservatively estimated," the report continues, "on the basis of data for thirty years, that the annual direct losses from animal diseases are approximately $212,000,000. The indirect losses, which also are great, cannot be estimated at all. The direct loss ascribed to each disease is as follows:

"Hog cholera, $75,000,000; Texas fever and cattle ticks, $40,000,000; tuberculosis, $25,000,000; contagious abortion, $20,000,000; blackleg, $6,000,000; anthrax, $1,500,000; scabies of sheep and cattle, $4,600,000; glanders, $5,000,000; other livestock diseases, $22,000,000; parasites, $5,000,000; poultry diseases, $8,750,000."

The citrus fruit industry of the Gulf States, the report asserts, is seriously threatened by citrus canker, a highly infectious bacterial disease. While the greater number of infected centers in Texas, Mississippi and Alabama have been eliminated, complete eradication of the disease from Louisiana and Florda, the Department believes, will require large expenditures for at least two years.

The potash situation, the report states, continues serious. There is practically no potash available for fertilizer and indications are that the supply for that purpose will not be increased materially next year.

Recommendations for legislation made by Secretary Houston to Congress include the following:

Legislation designed to promote better handling and storage of farm products and trading on thebasis of fixed grades and standards, including a permissive warhouse act, a cotton standards act, a grain grades act, and provision for a market-news service.

A land-mortgage banking act intended to inject business methods into to handling farm finance and to place farm securities upon the market in a responsible way.

Assistance to communities near the national forests in road-building and similar improvements through a plan involving the advancement of funds for these purposes to be charged against the State's future share of receipts from the forests.

Authority to grant water-power permits within the National Forests for fixed periods.

More effective control over the production of hog-cholera serum. A plan involving the establishment by the Federal government of a station for testing all serum intended for shipment in interstate commerce, is outlined.

OCCUPIED THIS WEEK.

New Federal Building at Rocky Mount Nearing Completion.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 14.—Rocky Mount's new and much prized $100,000 public building will be occupied this week for the first time, and the district mail service department of Mr. J. C. Carroll and the half dozen clerks in this service here will remove to the new building. Following their removal, Mr. Williams, of the boiler inspector service, will take up his headquarters in the new building. It was at first thought that the postoffice of the city would be removed to the new building about December 15th, and it was the plan of Postmaster Snipes to handle the business of the holiday rush from the new building. However, certain plans delayed this change and the postoffice will not take up quarters in the new building until the first of the coming year.

REV. SYDNEY ROBBINS HEARD.

Preaches University Sermon for December at Chapel Hill.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 14.—The University sermon for December was delivered by Rev. Sidney Robbins, a graduate of the University of North Carolina of the class of 1904, and later of Harvard University, who is now located at Kingston, Mass. Taking as his text Matthew, 19th chapter, 16th verse, "Master, what good thing shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Dr. Robbins show that Christ's answer to the rich young man was a progressive interpretation of His own life. Notwithstanding the five inches of snow which covered the University campus, a large crowd of students and members of the faculty came out to hear the sermon.

KITCHIN'S RESOLUTION ENDORSED BY COMMITTEE

To Extend Emergency War Tax Act Until December 31, 1916.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The House ways and means committee, by a strict party vote, tonight reported favorably Majority Leader Kitchin's resolution to extend the emergency tax law to December 31, 1916.

The resolution will be reported tomorrow and voted on Thursday. Mr. Kitchin said tonight he did not expect more than four Democratic votes in opposition.

MARRIAGE AND LONG LIFE.

In the "twelve commandments" which Dr. Arnold Lorand of Carlsbad Baths, Austria, lays down for a long life, he says:—"Get married, and if a widow or widower, marry again. A study of the lives of patriarchs proves the wisdom of so doing."

Another important factor is to avoid weakened, overworked, run-down conditions, and our local druggist, Robert R. Bellamy, has a rare combination of the three oldest tonics known in Vinol, which he guarantees will create strength and restore vitality in all such cases, or return your money.

BASEBALL WAR ON WAY TOWARD A SETTLEMENT?

Negotiations to That End Are in Progress Any Way.

One of the Developments of the Annual Meeting of the National League—Several Routine Matters Disposed Of.

New York, Dec. 14. — The annual meeting of the National League here today developed that negotiations are in progress for a settlement of the strife between organized and independent baseball interests. President John K. Tener, of the National League, in answer to numerous queries as to the truth of a report that there had been a conference between his organization and members of the Federal League, said:

"Certain club owners of the National League met representatives of the Federal League, but no readjustment of baseball conditions can be made without the agreement of major leagues, and pending the decision of Judge Landis."

Tener's ambiguous announcement was taken to mean that such arrangements as may have been discussed at the conference must be sanctioned by the American League, which meets in Chicago tomorrow.

This was further borne out by the report that Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh club, had left for Chicago this afternoon with a copy of the proposed plan of agreement.

The meeting which Tener admits was held in this city late last night formed part of a dinner given by President Tener to the club owners of his league. James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, and Harry F. Sinclair, treasurer of the Newark Federals, one of the wealthiest backers of the independent league, are said to have been present.

While none of the magnates would affirm the report, it is understood that the National League magnates offered to permit certain Federal League backers to purchase stock in several of their clubs and to arrange for others to be taken care of in eastern minor leagues.

While the possibility of peace was the outstanding feature of the National League meeting, several routine matters were disposed of before adjournment late this afternoon.

The board of directors formally awarded the championship pennant to the Philadelphia club. The following directors were elected unanimously for the ensuing year: Messrs. Dreyfuss, Ebbetts, Herrmann, Hempstead and Gaffney.

President Tener, in his yearly report, referred to the season of 1915 as an artistic and financial success.

SUFFRAGISTS AND ANTIS CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

Wilson Shakes Hands With 1,000 Women in One Day.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Both sides of the woman suffrage question were presented today to President Wilson. A delegation from the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage thanked him for his opposition to a Federal constitutional amendment enfranchising women and delegates to the annual meeting of the National American Woman Suffrage Association asked him to support such an amendment and use his influence to have it endorsed in the next Democratic platform.

The President did not commit himself further on the question. To the suffragists he explained that he already had under consideration a request that he change his original position in opposition to Federal amendment.

More than 1,000 women shook hands with the President during the day, the suffragists numbering about 800 and their opponents 200. In contrast to previous similar demonstrations at the White House, neither delegation today carried banners or was headed by a band.

TRADE REVIVES IN WILSON

Moonlight Schools in Tobacco Town Now in Operation.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 14.—With the Christmas season right on the town, the business men report a decided revival of trade—the effort to bring about "early buying" did not seem to have very much effect until the present week. All lines report a marked improvement just now. Tobacco is still coming in and country people are beginning to trade. In the town the payment of thousands of dollars in settlement of the Christmas savings accounts started last spring by one of the banks is having a good effect on business.

Wilson's moonlight schools opened Monday night with good interest. Over 200 people have agreed to attend these schools, three of which are being taught. The two school buildings are used and a vacant house of four rooms has been secured in the mill district. The first night was successful. Several members of the Wilson Woman's Club are aiding in the work. Mrs. John F. Bruton, Mrs. W. M. Carter and Mrs. T. W. Chambliss are teaching in the mill school and have the assistance of graded school teachers.

FUNERAL OF SAMUEL BRADSHAW

Conducted in Greensboro Yesterday—Died Sunday Night.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 14.—The funeral of Samuel Bradshaw, who died Sunday night in Richmond, after an illness of several weeks, was held today at 11 o'clock from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bradshaw, on Church street. Rev. Melton Clark conducted the service and interment was in Green Hill cemetery. Pall bearers were Messrs. John A. Ricks, A. B. Joyner, J. P. Bradley, W. S. Rhodes, M. Robbins and Dr. Charles M. Wheeler. The deceased was the eldest son of Mr. G. S. Bradshaw, the well-known Greensboro attorney.

NAVY'S BASEBALL SCHEDULE.

Includes Games With University and A. & M. College, North Carolina.

Annapolis, Md., Dev. 14. — Navy's baseball schedule for 1916 was announced today. It provides for 26 games, all to be played here.

The schedule includes: April 29, University of North Carolina; May 3, Virginia Military Institute; May 4, Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina.

TEN CHANGED NAMES 60 CHANGED EDITORS

Year's Record Among 326 N. C. Newspaper Publications

Total Aggregate Circulation of All Publications in State 1,406,214. Commissioner Shipman's Annual Report.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—That there are 326 newspaper publications in North Carolina having a total circulation of 1,406,214 is the showing made by the annual report of Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, summarized today. There are 132 of these publications that are owned by individuals, 30 by co-partnerships and 104 by joint stock companies. There are 60 belonging to churches, schools and societies.

It is an interesting fact that the names of ten of the publications and the editorships of 60 publications changed during the year. There was a net gain of one in the number of dailies, two in weeklies, two in semi-weeklies and four in quarterlies during the year. The number of morning dailies fell off two and the number of quarterlies fell off six in number. The evening dailies and quarterlies show the big increase in circulation, due to many of the other publications adopting the cash in advance system. There are five of the eight morning papers that publish every day in the week. The commissioner notes a decided improvement in the mechanical get-up of all classes of publications.

The total value of the plants reported by 220 of the publications is $1,438,540. He reports that a very considerable number of the publications do not own publishing plants but are printed by contract. Employes reported aggregate 1,466 persons; pay roll $785,802. Typesetting machines are used in 80 newspaper offices, there being 135 in use.

Historical Commission.

The North Carolina Historical Commission in annual session today received a report from Secretary R. D. W. Connor showing a high degree of progress in the work of the commission, especially in the classification and arrangement of the archives; collection of historic manuscripts; repair of manuscripts; issuance of publications by the commission and in development of the Hall of History. There were added during the year 2,677 manuscripts, 1,369 articles for the hall of history. Furthermore, the department of legislative Mbrarian was added during the year under the management of W. S. Wilson as librarian, and achieved important work that promises valuable developments. The librarian issued a bulletin of amendments to the 1905 Revisal and a full summary of amendments to the Revisal from 1907 to 1915 inclusive, and a card index has been perfected covering all town and corporation charters since 1835 and all other private and public local laws since 1907.

BOSTON & MAINE SECRETARY HEARD IN NEW HAVEN TRIAL.

Brings Names of Lewis Cass Ledyard and C. M. Pratt Into Evidence.

New York, Dec. 14.—Lewis Cass Ledyard and Charles M. Pratt, two of the eleven former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad on trial for alleged criminal violation of the Sherman law, figured in testimony adduced by the Government today as having declined to consider a suggestion that, at the time of the negotiations for the sale of Boston & Maine stock to the New Haven, an investigation be made as to whether the sale would be in violation of Federal or state laws. This testimony was given by William B. Lawrence, secretary of the Boston & Maine at the time.

Lawrence testified also that he had been forced to resign as the outcome of a dispute he had with Ledyard over the accuracy of the minutes of a directors' meeting. The purport of his testimony was that Ledyard had desired to keep from the record of the meeting any reference to the subject of the sale, and that the witness recorded him as having asked for postponement of the closing of the books on the dividend "to facilitate certain operations, which he would not specifically allude to, so that if put on the stand, he could say under oath that the subject had not been discussed." This phrase he said, was ordered stricken out by the board at a subsequent meeting.

ADDITIONAL EMBARGO ON THE EASTERN RAILROADS ANNOUNCED.

Congestion in New York District and Elsewhere More Acute.

New York, Dec. 14.—Additional freight embargo on eastern railroads was announced after a meeting today of a special committee of freight traffic officials representing the Trunk Line Association. Action was declared necessary to avoid blockades impending on some roads because or continued congestion which will be increased by the interference of the storm with freight traffic.

C. C. McCain, chairman of the Trunk Line Association, said approximately 45,000 cars now on the trunk lines or at terminals will require elevator or lighterage service either for export or to points in New York harbor. The number of cars consigned to New York increased nearly 3,500 last week, over the previous week.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has placed an embargo on all carload and less than carload freight, including traffic switched from connecting lines, except on the Pennsylvania railroad, Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington Railroad, and West Jersey & Seashore Railroad, when consigned to New York lighterage or to points east of Newark, except dressed meats and other perishable freight, flour and other foodstuffs.

BERLIN ENTERS DISCLAIMER

No Connection With Germans Alleged to Have Tried to Trouble Mexico

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, Dec. 14.—The Overseas News Agency says: connection with activities of so-called German agents who, according to American and English press reports, are said to have tried to foment a new revolution in Mexico.

"The German government, following the lead of the United States, more than a month ago authorized the German minister to Mexico to recognize Carranza as the head of the government."

CALOMEL IS MERCURY! IT SICKENS! ACTS ON LIVER LIKE DYNAMITE

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Starts Your Liver Better Than Calomel and Doesn't Salivate or Make You Sick.

Listen to me! Take no more sickening, salivating calomel when bilious or constipated. Don't lose a day's work! Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

TALK OF CARR OPPOSING MR. KITCHIN NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

House Leader Not Opposing "Reasonable Preparedness," His Friends Say.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 13.—The report that F. L. Carr, of Wilson, may oppose Democratic House Leader Claude Kitchin for his seat in Congress is not being taken very seriously in the Second district, according to reports from various points. Mr. Carr's friends are confident, it is said, that he would give Kitchin a good run. He is popular in immediate section around Wilson, and might possibly poll a good vote there. In the other counties of the district he probably would not have strength enough to make the contest even interesting for the incumbent, Kitchin adherents say.

A local traveling man who returned from Scotland Neck and Rocky Mount on Saturday, states that he believes sentiment is against the leader in his own neighborhood on account of his opposition to the President's defense plan. He heard fault found with the Halifax statesman's stand even in Scotland Neck, where the congressman lives and the Kitchin family is prominent in all phases of the community life.

That Kitchin will not in the coming fight oppose "reasonable preparedness" his friends here are confident. He has said as much, they state. "He champions the cause of some members of Congress and other notable opponents of the preparedness propaganda who have not the courage to speak out. Kitchin is the leavening influence against a mass of jingoism," is the way one of his most influential admirers here puts it.

A rumor is going the round in this part of the second district that reports that the Du Pont Powder Company would erect an explosive plant here or elsewhere in the district were started by interests opposed to Kitchin. This idea of some of the followers of the Democratic leader causes the more conservative of his friends to smile. The sources of the reports have been all too apparently innocent. They have bobbed up again, with reference now to towns out of the district.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE.

Many Organizations Behind Undertaking in Kinston.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 13.—The Round Table and Mothers' Clubs, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Harmony, Jr. O. U. A. M., Pythians, Chamber of Commerce, municipal boards, Tobacco Board of Trade, Masons, Odd Fellows, Methodists, Presbyterians, Christians, Baptists, Universalists and Episcopalians are the bodies now behind Kinston's community Christmas tree, plans for which this week are being made. The financing of the undertaking, which was first proposed by newspapers and then taken up by the Mothers' Club, has been assured with so many organizations behind it. The first illumination of the tree, to be located on the court house square, will probably be on the night of the 22nd or 23rd. Scores of individuals have offered to contribute to the fund.

CONGRESSMAN PAGE OBJECTS.

Whereupon Suffragists Are Denied Privilege of Addressing House.

Washington, Dec. 14.—On objection of Representative Page, of North Carolina, permission to address the House was denied today to Miss Frances Joliffe, of California, and Mrs. Sara Bard Field, of Oregon, who recently drove a motor car here from the Pacific coast with a huge suffrage petition for a constitutional amendment. Representative Nolan, of California, had asked the House to permit them to speak for 20 minutes after adjournment.

Paris, Dec. 13 (delayed)—The bill authorizing the state to purchase a merchant fleet of 50 ships from a British firm has been withdrawn from the chamber of deputies, according to the newspaper Liberte. The measure has been strongly criticised as both useless for the purpose designated and too costly.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Tillman's bill for construction of a government armor plate plant was considered briefly today by the Senate naval committee, members agreeing to study the subject during the holidays and to act on the measure early in January.

WILLISTON, N. C., MAN RESTORED TO HEALTH

Mr. Wade Thankful He Read About Wonderful Remedy.

E. T. Wade of Williston, N. C., was he victim of stomach disorders. He ried many remedies and took a great eal of medicine and treatments. Relief seemed a long time coming.

Then he found Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, took a dose—and found relief at once. He told his opinion of the remedy in a letter in which he said:

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Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.

Boys are naturally bad and must be won over to goodness, even by artificial goodness.

Business Locals

WHEN IN THE CITY DOING YOUR Christmas shopping, send your packages to "The Orton." Rooms with or without meals. C. E. Hooper, Manager. de 15-3t

TO THE PUBLIC: IF YOU ARE thinking of buying an up-to-date heater, I invite you to call at No. 820 Dock street, before making your purchase. J. T. Howard, agent. de15-tf

WE ARE BUILDING A THOROUGH up-to-date, convenient, modern but not costly, Two-Story House on beautiful "Wi-no-ca" Terrace. This house and lot, 55x150 feet, is for sale upon especially attractive and easy terms, to a good party. Come and see the house; see the blue prints; get the price and terms, and save money, by owning your own home at "Wi-no-ca," where the value of property is rapidly and steadily increasing. J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess street. de15-1t

LOST — SMALL GREEN BOAT, LAST week, at foot of Queen street. Letter "E" cut on stern. Reward will be paid for any information regarding the whereabouts of this boat. E. M. Boswell, 713 Surry St., de15-tf

JUST ONE APARTMENT NOT RENT-ed, in the "Splendid Carolina." This is a housekeeping apartment of five rooms and bath, with steam heat, two elevators, artesian water, splendid janitor service and low rent; this apartment is very attractive. J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess street. de15-1t

LAP ROBES — HAVE JUST RECEIV-ed a large shipment of automobile robes. Prices to suit. Let us show you. Good for Xmas presents. W. D. MacMillan, Jr.; 108-112 North Second street. de15-5t

HOMER PIGEONS — CAN SUPPLY mated pairs and young birds at small cost. P. O. Box 1144, City. de15-1t*

WANTED — A YOUNG BOY CLERK. Must be smart and willing to attend strictly to business. Address P. O. Box 365, City. de15-1t

FRESH GROUND COCOANUT DAILY, 15 cents quart. Sweet cream always on hand, 50 cents qt.; Xmas candies, something attractive, never before shown here. Fireworks, all descriptions and prices. Plummer's; 'phone 680. de15-1t

WANTED TO SELL, DRY PINE WOOD sawed and split stove size, $1.00; mixed with oak, $1.25; all oak, $1.35. Pine, 4 ft. long, 90 cents, delivered. 'Phone 1914. de15-1t*

LOST — CORAL MOUNTED GENTLE-men's stick pin. Return to O. L. Dietrich, National Biscuit Co., or 'phone 324. Liberal reward. de15-1t*

LOST — BLACK LEATHER CARD case, containing money. Reward, if returned to Orton Hotel. de15-1t*

DOLL HOSPITAL — HEADS, WIGS, natural hair wigs, hands, arms and legs. Dolls restrung. Dolls dressed. 'Phone: 1794-J. 311 Fifth avenue, North. de15-2t*

S. F. BOWSER AND CO. CAN USE three or four high grade specialty salesmen in North and South Carolina. References required; exceptional opportunity. Liberal contract. Call and see at once. L. W. Cheney, Special representative, Hotel Wilmington, Wilmington, N. C. de15-3t

FOR SALE — THREE HUNDRED thousand feet standing pine and other timber. Fifty miles from Wilmington, on bank of Northeast River. P. O. Box 1164, Wimington, N. C. de15-1t*

FOR YOUR AUTO FRIENDS, LOOK over our line of automobile accessories. We believe you will find just the right thing. MacMillan's Garage, 108-112 North Second street. de15-5t

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WANTED — AN ENERGETIC, AMBI-tious, active man to establish permanent business. Whole or part time. Health and Accident Insurance. Immediate cash returns and future. Address National Casualty Company, Detroit, Mich. de14-7t

FOR SALE — REASONABLE, ONE closed carriage in good condition; Brewster built. Address Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Co., City. de14-2t*

NICE FRESH OYSTERS TODAY, 30 cents qt. bucket; sirloin steak, 20 cents lb.; good beef roast, 18 cents. We have full line of fresh vegetables, fruits and fresh meats every day. Dressed turkeys, 25 cents lb. Call us up or come and see. We have the goods. Batson's Meat Market; 'Phone No. 72; 115 Market street. de14-tf

NOTICE TO PUBLIC — FURNACE and stove repairs done reasonable; heaters relined, good as new. Have your roof repaired now. Satisfaction guaranteed. 'Phone 431. W. B. Klander, 22 South Second street. Also roof painting done. no28-tf

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Condensed Report of Condition to Comptroller, at Close of Business, November 10th, 1915.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,417,210.29	Capital Stock	$ 250,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	270,000.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits	57,833.30
North Carolina 4 per cent Bonds (at par)	45,000.00	Circulation	250,000.00
Bonds and Securities	24,213.50	Rediscounts (with Federal Reserve Bank)	77,266.45
Banking House and Fixtures	45,662.65	Special Bond Account	45,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00	Reserve Account (for Building)	20,000.00
Real Estate	43,026.86	Bills Payable	70,000.00
Cash in our Vaults $124,501.42		DEPOSITS	1,692,829.70
Due from Banks and U. S. Treas. 484,314.73	608,816.15		
Total	$2,462,929.45	Total	$2,462,929.45

Began Business in 1908, with Capital of $50,000.00. 6 Per Cent Annual Dividends Paid Since Organization.

OFFICERS:

W. B. COOPER . . . Chairman of Board
THOS. E. COOPER . . . . President C. E. BETHEA . . . . . Cashier
GEO. O. GAYLORD . . . Vice-President E. FRED BANCK. . . Assistant Cashier

STATEMENT CONDITION
THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.,
AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOV EMBER 10th, 1915.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$4,745,818.48	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	810,000.00	Surplus and Net Profits	665,558.88
Bank Building	487,793.51	Circulation	750,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	288,400.00	Special Deposit Bonds	115,000.00
Liquidation Account Southern National Bank	106,138.65	Special Reserve	21,000.00
Cash and Due by Banks	2,011,503.12	Deposits	5,898,094.88
	$8,449,653.76		$8,449,653.76

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THE SOHMER PIANO WILL COM-pare favorably with any piano made in America. We invite a comparison, either in an upright or grand. Yopp & Woody Music Co., 217 North Front street; 'Phone No. 313. de8-tf

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A CHANCE FOR YOU—WE ARE still selling Best Creamery butter in block or tub, 35 cents lb.; lean sliced bacon, 25 cents lb.; Quaker oatmeal, 10 cents, and a full line of groceries. We also give tickets for the bungalow prize contest, so now is your chance to enter the race. May Bros., 24 North Front street. Phone 1322. The Only Real Delicatessen. de 4-tf

BEFORE YOU BUY THAT XMAS GIFT see Uncle Charles' line of solid gold jewelry, watches, bracelets, cameo brooches and diamonds. No. 6, South Front street; 'Phone 642. no24-tf

HIGH GRADE BOYS' AND GIRLS' JU-venile bicycles, at moderate prices. We also have some good second hand juvenile bikes. See ours before buying. Wilmington Cycle Co., 215 Market street. de12-7t

A SOLID GOLD LAVALLIERE MAKES a very appropriate gift. I have just received a fine assortment of LaVallieres, lockets and chains, brooches, bar pins, tie pins, tie clasps and other solid gold jewelry, suitable for Christmas gifts. The best can be had for the price. Expenses being less enables me to give better values. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler, 27 South Front street. de 12-1w

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